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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
New York State Capitol
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Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am writing today to respectfully request that the fees for the new mandatory license plates be rescinded for the hardworking people of New York State.

As you know, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is mandating a \$25 license plate renewal fee and an additional \$20 fee for those who want to keep their current plate number. While I do not have an issue with updating the design of New York's license plates, and certainly understand the need to replace the plates that are peeling and ensure they are readable for both law enforcement and automated tollbooths, taxpayers should not have to foot the bill for the inferior product that was produced. If these costs must be recouped, the DMV should go after the manufacturer that issued these faulty plates to the state. Given the already high cost taxpayers must pay to drive and register a car in New York an additional \$45 is too high a burden for taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration. I kindly urge you to reconsider the implementation of these fees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James N. Tedisco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the first name.

Senator James N. Tedisco
49th Senate District

CC: Mark J.F. Schroeder, Commissioner