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Ups & Downs *Go Ask Alice: Up Is Down; Down Is Up* *When Progressive Means Regressive*

Apparently some holding public office exhibit traits associated with *Wonderland*. You know where *Up Is Down* and *Down Is Up*. How else to explain a caucus of electeds who label themselves *progressive* supporting a [tax](#) infamously *regressive* by its nature?

Interestingly, one caucus [member](#) who actually drove a bus for MTA NYC Transit remains [steadfast](#) in opposing the congestion tax [scheme](#) marketed by [MoveNY](#). **City Council Member I. Daneek Miller** also co-chaired the MTA Labor Coalition before leaving his position as a president of a labor [union](#) representing bus operators and maintainers to serve full-time in the council. Miller calls the [toll-tax scheme](#) that asks city residents to bear a cost just above \$11 (\$11.08; \$16 cash) per day, “*misguided*.” He [reminded](#) his *progressive* colleagues, the [toll-tax scheme](#) represents “*a regressive tax and an undue burden on low and middle-income working families*.”

One upside as we [caution](#) against reliance on any [toll-tax scheme](#) involves a title to great [song](#) by [Paul Revere and the Raiders](#) and a [lyric](#) to [Jefferson Airplane classic](#). Time to stop playing with that [White Rabbit](#)-inspired [scheme](#) that [fails](#) to raise the revenues needed, offers no benefits and hurts the [economy](#).

Keep NYC Free (KeepNYCFree.com) [emphasizes](#) how [alternative revenues](#) could secure [resources](#) to support public transit in a truly *progressive* manner.

See [NY Post, October 30](#); Politico's Gloria Pazmino's [October 29 tweet](#); [Daily News October 30](#);