

# CITY OF NEW BRITAIN



The Honorable  
Erin E. Stewart  
Mayor

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Sen. Andrew Maynard, Co-Chair  
Rep. Antonio Guerrero, Co-Chair  
Transportation Committee  
Connecticut General Assembly  
300 Capitol Avenue, Rm. 2300  
Hartford, CT 06106

**RE: In support of HB 6349 – AAC Ride-Sharing Companies and Drivers**

Chairman Guerrero, Chairman Maynard and distinguished members of the  
Transportation Committee,

As Mayor of the City of New Britain, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 6349 - An Act Concerning Ride-Sharing Companies and Drivers.

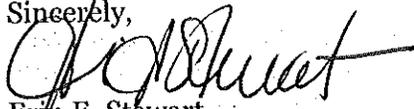
For nearly a year, Uber has been making a positive contribution in Connecticut by providing an affordable, reliable, convenient and most of all, safe, way to get around our state.

For riders, this level of safety means always knowing a driver's information before getting into the car, knowing that every driver on the Uber platform is thoroughly screened, and knowing that every ride is insured.

Because of Uber's innovative business model, riders know who they are looking for and what car they are getting into before the driver ever arrives. For the residents of New Britain, I can speak to the fact that the level of transparency and convenience will be a welcomed addition to our city. As someone who has used Uber on several occasions in cities across the country, I have only had great experiences with them.

In short, Uber is providing Connecticut with quality drivers and vehicles to safely transport people anywhere they need to go, and often they are doing so more effectively and efficiently than anything we've seen before. We need to cultivate companies that conduct business in this manner, and I urge this Committee to support Uber's endeavors today, tomorrow, and in the future.

Sincerely,



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