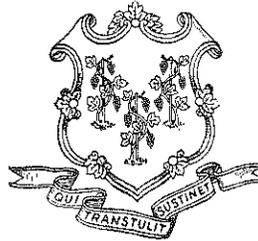


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I wanted to write to the committee to voice my support for 6349, AAC Ride-sharing Companies and Drivers.

As the manager of TNHA, I have seen first-hand the need for strong regulation in the field of public transportation. Strong, department verified regulations should be in place and equal for all people and companies transporting the public.

It is important that the legislature properly regulate all for-hire transportation companies. The taxicab and livery regulations have been built up over the years with the safety of the riding public in mind.

The existing regulations that cover the taxi industry are there to provide protection to the public in the areas of personal safety, insurance in case of an accident and piece of mind in knowing that the vehicles are safe. To propose not to regulate Uber or other "ride share" companies or to regulate them differently under a separate scheme, would severely undermine the public service purposes behind the current regulations.

I also feel that a level playing field should be the committee's goal. Certain providers should not be given special or relaxed treatment under the law. Many of my local taxicab and livery companies have contacted me about the unfair treatment that in the end only hurts the riding public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. D. Larson".

Senator Timothy D. Larson