



March 8, 2021

The Honorable Roland Lemar, House Chair
The Honorable Will Haskell, Senate Chair
Joint Transportation Committee
LOB, Room 2300
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: HB 6568 – An Act Concerning Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Programs

Dear Chair Lemar, Chair Haskell, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our perspective on HB 6568 and to share our concerns with this legislation as drafted.

Getaround is a connected and contactless car sharing marketplace. We use technology – a device called the Getaround Connect® installed in the car and a smartphone app – to connect safe, convenient, and affordable cars with people who need them to live and work – without ever having to coordinate schedules to meet in person and hand over keys. We are in the process of launching in Connecticut and are excited to grow our operations in the state.

On average, cars sit unused 22 hours a day – and that was before the pandemic. Car sharing – including through Getaround’s car sharing platform – helps citizens earn extra money by allowing them to share their idle cars with members of their community. The extra money means a lot, especially in times like these.

Community members who choose to not own a car, cannot afford one, or need access to a different type of car than the one they own also benefit by getting on-demand access, by the hour or day, to convenient and affordable on-demand vehicles for trips where a car is the best option.

Car sharing also has environmental benefits. Studies show that sharing one car can take up to ten other cars off the road, which means fewer accidents, reduced traffic, and less space needed for roads and garages. The availability of shared vehicles can motivate car owners to use a wider range of mobility options rather than simply using their personal car for every trip. Car sharing enables some owners to give up their cars altogether. Car sharing can reduce household emissions by up to 40%.

Getaround has concerns with HB 6568 because it does not represent the most up to date version of the Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Model Act which was developed by the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) with input from the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC), peer-to-peer car sharing companies, and the car rental industry. We ask that the Committee amend HB 6568 to mirror the latest version of the model which has been thoroughly vetted by all stakeholders and creates a uniform approach to address consumer protections,

contains mutually agreed upon definitions of peer-to-peer car sharing, and creates appropriate insurance requirements for this emerging and innovative industry.

The growth of carsharing nationwide shows consumers want to add carsharing to their transportation options. Getaround welcomes the opportunity to work with you and other policymakers and stakeholders to ensure that the regulation of this emerging industry is aligned with the unique value peer-to-peer car sharing brings to Connecticut's transportation ecosystem and communities.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gaston Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gaston" and last name "Kelly" clearly distinguishable.

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