



March 8, 2021

The Honorable Roland Lemar, Chair  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
2300, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

**RE: HB 6568 – An Act Concerning Peer-To-Peer Car Sharing Programs**

Dear Chairman Lemar:

Internet Association (IA) is the unified voice of the internet economy, representing the interests of leading Internet companies and their global community of users. It is dedicated to advancing public policy solutions that foster innovation, promote economic growth, and empower people through the free and open Internet.

IA respectfully opposes **HB 6568** as drafted. This bill mirrors model legislation that has been carefully crafted by the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) with the exception of Section 13 of the bill. The language in the model legislation is the result of input and collaboration from the insurance industry, peer-to-peer (P2P) carsharing companies, legislators and other policy makers, and the traditional rental car industry. The model legislation addresses concerns solely related to insurance and consumer protection issues.

IA strongly recommends **HB 6568** be amended to omit Section 13 which prohibits P2P companies from operating at Bradley Airport without entering into an agreement with the Connecticut Airport Authority. Amending the bill will ensure uniformity with other states (Colorado, Indiana, Maryland, Maine, and North Carolina) that have adopted the NCOIL Legislation to establish strict operating requirements for P2P platforms and firmly establish a statutory distinction between the P2P carsharing industry and traditional rental car companies.

More and more Connecticut residents, families, and workers are turning to this new mobility option to help gain the benefits of mobility and transportation without having to personally manage the high costs and responsibilities associated with personal car ownership. Passing this important legislation is critical; however, regulatory and taxation issues regarding operations at airports was not within the intended scope of model legislation designed to put consumer protections first. Those issues are best left to separate legislation or private negotiations between P2P entities and the Airport Authority.

For these reasons and more, IA is opposed to **HB 6568** in its current form and urges the committee to amend the bill before advancing it. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter. If you have any questions regarding IA's position on this bill, I can be reached



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JOHN OLSEN', written in a cursive style.

John Olsen  
Director, State Government Affairs Northeast Region

Cc: Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation