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Mr. Robert F. Powelson
Chairman, PA Public Utility Commission
3rd Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

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Dear Chairman Powelson:

I am writing to you regarding Uber and Lyft rideshare companies now applying to the PUC to operate in the Commonwealth. I am concerned about the potential significant liability exposure they are placing not only on their drivers but anyone injured as a result of the negligence of their drivers. The impact on our constituents can be significant.

My concern is also for our constituents that sign up to drive for Lyft/Uber and are not aware of how their personal automobile policy will exclude coverage for this type of service. I believe this eliminates liability coverage if the vehicle is being used to carry persons or property for a fee.

When an automobile claim occurs where the Lyft/Uber driver is at fault and the personal automobile insurance company denies coverage this denial leaves our constituent without any protection and their assets now at risk. What coverage is available to pay for the injured party? Why is this good consumer policy for the Commonwealth?

To place anyone exposed to this scenario, driver, passenger or any party hit by a Lyft/Uber contracted vehicle in this situation is terrible. But if properly investigated and managed by the PUC the public can be protected.

I'm hopeful you and the PUC will do a very thorough investigation to alleviate these concerns and any others that may come up during this application process.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter and your work protecting our state.

Sincerely,

Marc J. Gergely
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35th Legislative District

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Cc: The Honorable Bob Godshall, Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee
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The Honorable Darlene M. Harris, President, City Council, City of Pittsburgh