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Chairman Robert F. Powelson
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Commonwealth Keystone Building, 3rd Floor, Room N-304
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Docket Nos. A-2014-2415045; A-2014-2415047; A-2014-2416127

Dear Chairman Powelson:

I am writing to express my concerns with the applications submitted by Lyft, Inc. and Rasier-PA, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Uber Technologies, Inc. (collectively the "Applicants") which seek authority to transport passengers by motor vehicle between various points in Pennsylvania.

As you may know, my Senatorial district covers many areas, including the Philadelphia International Airport, which are serviced by traditional call or demand transportation providers. These providers, mostly taxicabs, are required to comply with the stringent regulations promulgated by the PUC. It is apparent that the Applicants are attempting to circumvent these regulations at the public's expense.

I agree with the comments of my fellow legislators regarding the Applicants' inadequate insurance, driver background checks, and vehicle age and inspection requirements. The Applicants are essentially asking for a waiver of every single regulation that pertains to transportation providers in Pennsylvania. This is especially disturbing considering the fact that the Applicants have already been operating in Pennsylvania while ignoring the existing regulatory framework.

Additionally, Lyft, Inc. has made the troubling proposal that members of the public be precluded from inspecting the records submitted to the PUC by Lyft, Inc. (See paragraph 7 of Attachment "A" of Lyft, Inc.'s application). This proposal is in direct contravention to the

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Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, as well as the federal Freedom of Information Act, and should be denied.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that you take appropriate action to ensure the enforcement of the laws designed to protect our citizens and to ensure that no regulated entity acts above the law.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Sincerely,

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EDWIN B. ERICKSON
MAJORITY POLICY CHAIRMAN

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