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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing you today to urge you to approve UberX's (Rasier PA LLC) application for emergency temporary authority to provide experimental ride sharing network services in Allegheny County that is now before the Public Utilities Commission.

UberX has become an industry leader in consumer friendly transportation, and they are changing the way that drivers and riders connect. They are a welcome addition to the transportation mix in Allegheny County, an area of the Commonwealth where transportation challenges merit experimental authority for them to operate.

UberX is currently offering transportation services in cities across the United States and the world. I'm excited to see UberX in Pittsburgh and hope to see this ride-sharing concept explored in other areas of the Commonwealth.

Not only is UberX good for consumers, it is also good for urban areas such as Pittsburgh. In Philadelphia, we have seen meaningful reduction in traffic congestion, parking space requirements, and carbon emissions thanks to the reduction in use of personal vehicles. Driving under the influence arrests have also decreased by over 10% thanks to the availability of transportation alternatives.

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UberX will also help the local economy by creating jobs for new drivers. The Uber business model means people can use UberX to supplement their income or they can drive for UberX as a full time job.

In the coming months, we will be working on legislation to ensure consumers have transportation options available to them while maintaining strong consumer protections. In the meantime, we ask that you approve the UberX application so they can continue operating in Allegheny County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. Boscola". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" being the most prominent.

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