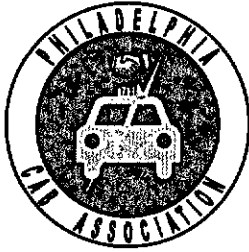


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Dear Chairman Powelson:

Philadelphia Cab Association Inc., a non-profit Pennsylvania corporation that represents thousands of Taxicab Drivers in Philadelphia and counties around Philadelphia. This letter is to address two applications filed by a transportation network company ("TNC") namely Lyft and Uber Technology, for motor carrier authority to provide "experimental service through a ridesharing network." in Pennsylvania.

It is a fact that UberX is illegally operating in Delaware, Bucks, Montgomery and Chester counties. UberX lacks proper insurance, does not license its drivers with PUC, does not equipped and inspect their vehicles in accordance with State Common Carrier standards. UberX charges unauthorized tariffs. The General Assembly has not empowered the Commission to grant certificates of public convenience to TNC's. With regard to transportation service, the General Assembly has empowered the Commission to grant certificates to motor carriers to provide certain classes of transportation service subject to certain restrictions. But the Applicant is not a "motor carrier," the proposed service is not "experimental" and commercial "ridesharing" is illegal in Pennsylvania.

The illegal TNCs are putting our families in jeopardy and are destroying our reputation in eyes of the Public and the transportation industry.

Our drivers recognize the enormous influence and resources that multi-billion dollar corporations can bring to bear to exert pressure on public officials to grant them the benefits they seek. Intense public relations campaigns and political lobbying can create an almost irresistible temptation for officials to accommodate the desires of those who are in a position to wield such power. But the Commission must resist these temptations because it does not sit in the position of policy maker here and because the rule of law requires it.

Please reject their application.

Sincerely,
Khalid Q Alvi

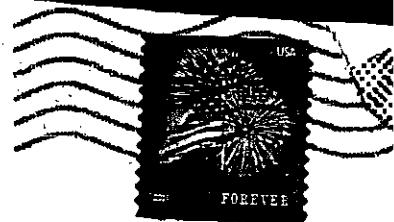


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