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Gladys M. Brown, Chairman
PA Public Utility Commission
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RE: Yellow Cab Company of Pittsburgh Petition of Waiver of Regulations and Extension of Authority (Docket # A-2014-2410269)

Dear Chairman Brown:

As you are aware, the General Assembly continues to work through a myriad of issues in an effort to establish a statutory framework for the licensing and regulation of transportation network companies in the Commonwealth. This has proven to be a much greater undertaking than anticipated and, to date, no legislation has been enacted. The General Assembly is expected to adjourn, upon passage of the budget, until September and it is unclear if transportation network company legislation can be enacted before adjournment.

On March 17, 2016, Yellow Cab of Pittsburgh d/b/a Yellow Z (Yellow Z) filed a Petition for waiver of the Commission's regulations and an extension of its 2-year experimental certificate of public convenience. If not extended, Yellow Z's experimental service certificate will expire next month.

The service provided by Yellow Z has filled a transportation service gap in the city of Pittsburgh. I have personally experienced the lack of reliable transportation options in Pittsburgh that existed prior to Yellow Z offering service and am happy to see innovative transportation options becoming available.

If Yellow Z's experimental service certificate is permitted to expire, the loss of the service provided by Yellow Z would deprive consumers of the reliable, accessible transportation they have come to enjoy and I encourage the Commission to grant Yellow Z's petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert W. Godshall".

Robert W. Godshall, Majority Chairman
Consumer Affairs Committee

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