

Reference number: C-2023-3043478

- I was never stopped, cited, or confronted by any law enforcement officer. The only "evidence" against me are some photographs of my vehicle with rideshare identification lights which do not conclusively prove the violation.
- I operate legally as a rideshare driver through a licensed app-based transportation company. I have never operated an illegal taxi service. Rideshare driving differs substantially from taxi services.
- Rideshare rides are pre-arranged through the app and cannot be hailed on the street like a taxi. Rides are calculated based on time and distance traveled, not a meter like taxis use.
- As a rideshare driver, I use my own personal vehicle. I am not required to paint my car or mark it as a taxi. The small LED sign and dome light simply identify me for customers who booked rides through the app.
- Nowhere in Pennsylvania law does it state that rideshare identification lights are illegal. Many legitimate businesses use marked vehicles, including food delivery services. My lights comply with state vehicle codes.
- The Public Utility Commission is overreaching by accusing me without any proof I operated an illegal taxi service. I have always worked within the law as a rideshare driver. Their allegations are unjustified.
- I request a formal hearing to contest these unfounded accusations and tell my side of the story. The only evidence presented was photos of my legally-operating rideshare vehicle.
- I have never been confronted by police or given any indication my vehicle markings or operations were improper. I comply fully with state regulations for rideshare drivers.
- The small LED sign and interior light do not come close to making my car resemble an illegal taxi. I use these solely for customer identification, which is common practice for rideshare drivers.
- I ask that the Commission dismiss this fine, as I have always followed the law. Their accusations have no basis and I should not be penalized for legally operating as a rideshare driver.

Yours Sincerely,
Quentin Kurt west.