

August 7, 2019

Senator Jim Welch, Chair
Representative James Murphy, Chair
Joint Committee on Financial Services
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Re: Letter of Opposition to TNC Fee Proposals

Dear Senator Welch and Representative Murphy:

On behalf of our members in the transportation network company (TNC) industry and the many businesses that utilize them daily, we would like to express our support for continued efforts to consider a fair and equitable solution to addressing today's transportation challenges.

Ridesharing companies serve an integral role in our communities. They provide increased transportation access in underserved areas, promote efficient and sustainable ride options, and connect people to public transit when there are gaps in service. In addition, millions of people are exploring more areas of their communities and spending more at local businesses because of the availability of affordable and reliable ridesharing.

We respectfully urge that any policy consideration on increasing the current TNC ride fees strikes a balance and considers competitiveness, impact to drivers and riders, and the regional economy. Furthermore, we encourage working towards an effective and holistic solution to problems such as congestion that contemplates and addresses the entire transportation picture and refrains from disproportionately relying on one revenue source as a solution to a particular transportation problem.

A fair and equitable approach to proposals seeking to significantly increase TNC fees will preserve the Commonwealth's ongoing efforts to create economic opportunity as a major gateway to the global economy and enhance our state's competitiveness to provide access to affordable and reliable transportation options like ridesharing.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Senator Michael Moore, Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Financial Services
Representative Christine Barber, Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Financial Services