

December 22, 2016

Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor, State of New York
State Capitol, Executive Chamber
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

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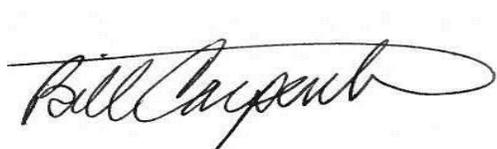
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Transit systems are prepared to partner with TNC's to provide more travel choices and improve mobility in urban and rural areas. NYPTA encourages the development of state policies to facilitate cooperation between TNC's and existing transit operators to help improve services to the public.

While NYPTA supports this new travel option, there is the potential for TNC's, as private for-profit carriers, to draw some riders away from existing, government supported, transit systems. NYPTA recommends that a portion of any new state revenues received from TNCs be used to support public transit. A fee, like the taxicab surcharge in place in New York City, should be included in any legislation to help offset the loss of riders and revenue on existing public transit systems from TNC operation.

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Sincerely,



Bill Carpenter
NYPTA President

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Honorable John Flanagan
New York State Senate
State Capitol, Room 330
Albany, NY 12247

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New York State Assembly
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12248

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