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Gladys Brown, Chairman Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Chairman Brown:

I write to you today to encourage the Public Utility Commission to approve the recent Administrative Law Judges' recommendation to impose a civil penalty of \$49,924,800 on Uber Technologies, Inc. for violating Pennsylvania law in 2014. Uber has regularly demonstrated that its business model is to begin providing services before acquiring the obligatory permissions. A cease and desist order handed down by the Commission was willfully ignored by this Transportation Network Company. As the elected State Representative for the 49th legislative district for 33 years, I believe it is imperative that our laws and regulations are followed and enforced.

As you are aware, Uber Technologies, Inc. began operating in Pennsylvania in 2014 without applying for a Certificate of Public Convenience and receiving approval by the Commission, resulting in thousands of rides, in Pennsylvania from February 11, 2014 through August 20, 2014 without operating authority from the Public Utility Commission. During this timeframe, Uber drivers were involved in at least nine accidents, and without the proper state approvals an appropriate insurance framework was not in place. Furthermore, Uber repeatedly brokered transportation services through contracted drivers, which violated various sections of the Public Utility Code, including 66 Pa. C.S. § 2501 (b).

While the proposed fine may seem excessive, § 3301 of Title 66 clearly outlines fines for violating the law and requires a fine not to exceed \$1000 per day for violating Commission regulation. Uber's refusal to work with the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and general ignorance of the law led to an unsafe environment for Pennsylvania residents. Uber's actions in 2014 were not acceptable and the company should be held fully accountable. To that end, I wholeheartedly encourage the Commission to approve the proposed fine on Uber Technologies, Inc.

I thank you in advance for your immediate consideration to my request. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this further.

Veter J. Daley, III Democratic Chairman House Consumer Affairs Committee 49th Legislative District Cc: Governor Tom Wolf

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