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May 11, 2016

Gladys Brown

Dear Gladys Brown:

On the issue of the PUC's recent \$11.3 million fine against Uber, I am writing to express my strong agreement with Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Mayor Bill Peduto.

The PUC's approach to Uber should be driven by your mission and should be applied fairly.

In the first case, I couldn't agree more with the mission statement of the PUC. That statement urges the PUC to foster competition, reliable services and reasonable rates. The very fact that many markets across our Commonwealth have historically lacked these conditions, serves as the best explanation of Uber's rapid rise in the Commonwealth.

On the issue of fairness, the \$11.3 million fine levied against Uber is exponentially higher than the Commission's recent settlement with Lyft. As Governor Wolf and other leaders have stated, this sends a chilling message to innovators and service providers around the globe that might consider expansions into our Commonwealth.

Finally, on the issue of safety, there can be no question that the provision of affordable and reliable transportation services has enhanced the safety of our roadways and our neighborhoods. This is perhaps most noticeable in the precipitous decline in regional DUI arrests since Uber's arrival in the market.

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For all of these reasons, I hope that you will quickly reconsider the \$11.3 million fine that was recently issued and determine that it was neither fair, nor consistent with the PUC's mission statement.

Sincerely,

Adam Pope