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**RE: Temporary Rulemaking for the Taxi and Limousine Industries  
Docket No.: L-2016-2556432**

Dear Chairman Brown,

As you know, over the past two years the General Assembly has made significant changes to the statutes and regulations governing both taxi cabs and transportation network companies (TNCs) in Pennsylvania. As part of those changes, the General Assembly directed the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to expeditiously revise and update certain regulations governing the taxi industry to allow for a more level playing field with TNCs. More specifically, Act 85 of 2016 provides that the PUC shall promulgate temporary regulations governing the taxi and limousine industries. As you develop temporary regulations to modernize the taxi and limousine industries, I feel that it is important to state what I believe is the legislative intent regarding certain provisions contained in Act 85.

At present, taxi cab companies have no ability to lower or increase fares in real time as they attempt to compete with TNC competitors. The intent of Act 85 is to provide the taxi industry with the ability to adjust fares up or down in real time within a range approved by the PUC. In comments filed in this proceeding by the taxi industry, a concept was put forth to provide for a taxi fare range from \$0 to a 4X multiplier on top of current fares, so that all taxi companies could begin to adjust pricing in the least burdensome way possible while still protecting riders. I believe that it is vitally important that tariff adjustments be allowed in real time within a preapproved range (and with prior notice to the passenger). Requiring taxi companies to provide 24-hour notice to the PUC before changing the rates they charge prevents taxi cabs from competing in real time with their TNC competitors and is contrary to the legislative intent of Act 85.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Corman", written in a cursive style.

Jake Corman  
Majority Leader

cc: Andrew G. Place, Vice Chairman  
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