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City of Saskatoon
Standing Policy Committee
on Transportation

Re: **Vehicles for Hire Bylaw – Taxi and TNC Parity Review [File No. CK 7000-1]**

Dear Committee Members

Council committed sometime ago to provide a comprehensive review of the Taxi, TNC, Vehicle for Hire regulations. Our understanding and hope were that this would be with the objective to have fair regulations that would serve the industry and the public in Saskatoon, with the goal of levelling the playing field for Taxi and TNC.

The outcome of this “Review” does none of this. The one recommendation does little to nothing in improving the Taxi industry and if anything lowers the safety bar. We are unsure how the options were chosen for the report as many of them consider one side of the issue. The unfairness that exists currently comes down ultimately to an economic one. The regulations that are in place for Taxi all come at some cost. The regulations for Uber are blatantly much less. The arguments made not to change taxi regulations are based on reducing safety while the arguments not to change TNC regulations are due to increased costs.

We chose to discontinue our participation in the process when it became clear that many things became “out of scope”. It also became very clear that there was no weight of the input or data being received. We have been in the Taxi business in Saskatoon for well over 50 years. We along with our taxi owners have significant investment in this business. It appears that the people with little or no investment or special interests have a much greater voice in this process and our fate.

From my point of view, it appears that the City of Saskatoon is looking to destroy our company and the taxi industry entirely in Saskatoon. This is happening little by little and feels like death by a thousand cuts. It is my sincere hope that someone at the City will stand up for the Taxi industry.

We could go into the many flaws of this report but what is really required is a redo. Perhaps Covid has contributed to the poor results from this process, we know it has negatively affected us all. This should be sent back to Administration to relook at the process entirely and ensure all regulations are considered with no out of scope items. The alternative will be for us to begin planning the funeral.

Sincerely

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