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TNC's future in the State of Vermont

- 1) Any TNC operating in the state of Vermont must provide higher insurance coverage than what is required by law. These vehicles aren't a legal vehicle for hire and because these TNC's are doing more business than taxis. This should also be 24x7x365 insurance coverage.
- 2) Any TNC driver must have a minimum of 1 calendar year as a taxi driver. This way they are fully aware the tasks involved in operating a vehicle for hire.
- 3) Any vehicle for hire must have a state inspection done 2 times a year. I personally have been driving for Uber and Lyft for 2 years and nobody has ever even done an inspection on my vehicle other than the required state inspection.
- 4) Any TNC must provide the customer's pickup and dropoff location to the TND driver. This way the driver knows where he is going before he begins his trip to pick up this customer. Withholding the customer's destination is a form of employer. UBER and LYFT do not want to pay workers compensation or unemployment insurance but they have every rule in the book in their favor.
- 5) TNC's are only allowed to collect 20% from every ride in the state of Vermont. They are gouging the drivers. Example, my recent ride, total was \$6.20 but I received only \$3.60. That amounts to 58% for me and a whopping 42% for the TNC. A great way to make the economy in Vermont weaker by sending our money to the Dutch offshore companies to avoid paying taxes. Ripoff the Vermont state and drivers anyway they can, then do not pay taxes on that money received. Do you think that money is ever coming back to Vermont? OF COURSE NOT.
- 6) The rules that TNC's are fighting for are all in their favor. But these same rules are being rewritten to favor them. A vehicle for hire is any vehicle for hire that transports passengers for a fee. It doesn't matter how or what methods they use to get the customers. All vehicle for hire in the state of Vermont shall have the same rules and regulations. The only reason why these TNC's are being favored is because they are paying off the cities and states around the world.
- 7) Vehicle Identification. Any vehicle for hire in the state of Vermont shall have clear signage displayed on the sides of the vehicle and on the rear of the vehicle. These must have a clear spelling of their business name. Example, Uber is using a sticker that has a large U on it. Many people in the world do not understand what that U sticker stands for. Why not require them to play by the book?

- 8) The state of Vermont will provide any vehicle for hire with a Jitney Permit. This will include any vehicle for hire in the state of Vermont. But, all background checks and fingerprinting must be done through the state of Vermont. Vehicles for hire include TNC's.
- 9) If these TNC's are allowed to do surge pricing, then every taxi company in the state should be allowed multiple meter rates in their taxi meter. I personally transported one customer from 381 Main street Burlington to Amtrak in Essex Junction, this way a 6.93 mile trip. Uber's surge pricing at that time was 5.8 times the normal rate. This customer paid to Uber \$74.61 for a 7 mile trip. I personally received \$56.66. Why do we give the right to these TNC's to overcharge customers like this, but a taxi company doing this same ride can only charge a maximum of \$25. If a taxi company charges more than this \$25 fee, they will get reported and possibly be suspended for a few weeks. HOW FAIR IS THIS?
- 10) A TNC registered in the state of Vermont is allowed to operate in Boston. This is without any legal requirements from the state of Massachusetts. Any taxi registered in the state of Vermont isn't allowed to operate in any other state. A taxi is allowed to pick up or dropoff by reservations only in another state. However, A TNC is allowed to be hailed on the street in another state. But if Vermont taxi is to be hailed down from another state, they can pay some serious fines if they are caught. IS THIS FAIR ?
- 11) Any vehicle operating in the state of Vermont that is being used for any type of commercial usage, shall be registered with the state of Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles. This includes pizza delivery vehicles, They are being used commercially . Why are they not being registered as a commercial vehicle. Or does the politicians only focus on rules pertaining to taxis because they are considered third class citizens.
- 12) If these TNC's and taxis now have to pay the city or state of Vermont for every pickup or dropoff of a customer anywhere in the state of Vermont, then every business shall also pay for the usage of Vermont roads. It is unfair and unconstitutional that these fees only apply to Vehicles for Hire in the state of Vermont.

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