

To: House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
From: Donald Corbett, Former Owner, New England Taxi
TNC Driver (2016-2018)
Date: April 19, 2018
Re: House Bill 143

Dear Committee,

I am writing regarding some concerns about the new TNC bill as I have been a TNC driver for several years. My concerns include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Instant photo verification should be required regularly for drivers. Verification mechanisms should be networked with the State so the State can instantly know if there are identity issues.
2. Passengers should also have to confirm their identity with a photo loaded on the app so that I know I have the right person.
3. TNC **Companies should not misrepresent to drivers the distance for a customer pickup.** This is **deceptive** and can severely impair already low driver income.
4. Inspections should be done by TNC employees quarterly or as called for by customer comments. In my time as a TNC driver, I have never met a TNC employee. They do nothing confirming signage on my vehicle or anything else.
5. Insurance requirements should be higher state minimums.
6. State reciprocity issues should be worked out so that I can freely if I am compliant with Vermont.
7. Canadian TNC drivers should not be allowed to drive in the United States if we are not allowed there. I am not allowed by TNC companies to turn on my app in Canada.
8. TNC Companies should be responsible for ensuring of living wages are met.

Whatever can be done to address these concerns in the current bill should be done. Going forward, these significant issues should not be forgotten.

I also ask the **Cabbies for Social and Justice (AKA Driver for Hire Fund)** is consulted as part of the study done for the statewide regulation of cab drivers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Donald Corbett