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Rep. William Botzow, Chair House Committee on Commerce and Economic Developments Vermont State House Rm 35 155 State Street Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

**<u>RE:</u>** H-143 (An act relating to automobile insurance requirements and transportation network companies).

Dear Committee Members,

I have listed a few last-minute items that the committee should consider inserting into the above house bill before it goes to the House floor for a vote. The items listed below should only be regarded as a short list.

- **<u>CHILD SAFETY</u>**: All TNC vehicles must have approved child safety seats for children under the age of 12 (twelve) months, or, have ready access to that equipment.
- **<u>HANDICAP RELATED EQUIPMENT</u>**: All TNC vehicles must have Walkers available, stored in the trunk, or have ready access to one.
- <u>HANDICAP RELATED EQUIPMENT</u>: All TNC's vehicles must have Wheelchairs available, on demand, or have immediate access to one.
- <u>HANDICAP RELATED EQUIPMENT</u>: All TNC vehicles must be able to place Walkers and Wheelchairs inside the truck of the vehicle.
- <u>VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION</u>. All TNC vehicles must have the company name spelled out on both sides of the vehicle, and, on the rear of the vehicle. This protects the travelling public and protects the local police when approaching the vehicle, from the rear, during a traffic stop.

- <u>LETTERING</u> must be no less than 4 (four) inches in height. Burlington and Hartford have different size requirements.
- **POSTING OF RATES.** Cards must be visible\_to\_all\_passengers . . . front and back. Bennington Taxicab Ord. Article 3-14. Burlington Ord Winooski Ord. No. 72-8-G, 6-26-72. Hartford, Chapter 14, Section 14-6 (Taxicab Rates of Fare).
- **INSURANCE CARDS**, stating the TNC's Companies Commercial insurance name, address and policy number. must be presented, on demand, to passengers and local police or any other duly authorized governmental official.
- <u>PASSENGER BILL OF RIGHTS</u> must be located inside TNC vehicles at all times of operation.
- **PERSONAL AUTO INSURANCE POLICY**: All TNC vehicles must notify their respective personal insurance company that they are, in fact, driving for a TNC company

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