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To the Honorable Governor Bill Walker
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Walker:

The undersigned organizations applaud the Alaska State Legislature’s broad support and passage of House Bill 132, the “Let’s Ride Alaska Act,” which passed the Senate unanimously and the House by an overwhelming majority. This legislation paves the way for Transportation Network Companies (“TNC”) to operate in the great State of Alaska. In a climate defined by fiscal challenges, TNCs will create jobs and generate economic activity, and offer safe, flexible, and affordable transit options to low-income residents, seniors, and vulnerable adults, as well as reduce impaired driving.

The availability of Lyft has generated hundreds of millions of dollars of additional economic activity, and drivers have earned more than a billion dollars in rides on the Lyft app. Now is the time for the State of Alaska to join the 43 other States that have comprehensive statewide frameworks regulating TNCs.

House Bill 132 would require:

- Drivers to pass a rigorous national criminal history check and driving record review.
- Drivers to abide by a zero-tolerance drug and alcohol policy.
- TNCs to provide \$1M of primary coverage from the time a driver accepts a ride request until the time the ride has ended in the app.
- Passengers receive details including a photo of the driver, the driver’s name, a photo of the vehicle, and the license plate number direct to their smartphone.
- Passengers to receive an electronic receipt with a trip summary that itemizes the fare paid.
- Prohibition of solicitation or accepting a street hail request for a ride; or solicit or accept cash payments for a fare from a rider.

We look forward to working with you and elected officials to encourage this industry to prosper in Alaska, bringing much-needed transportation services to those who welcome them today and into the future.