



February 21, 2017

Rep. Louise Stutes, Co-chair, House Transportation Committee
Members House Transportation Committee
State Capitol Room 406
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: H 132 (Wool): Transportation Network Companies

Dear Co-Chair Stutes and Members of the House Transportation Committee,

We are writing to support House Bill 132 (Wool), which would create a statewide regulatory framework for the operations of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) in the State. Passage of House Bill 132 would create the opportunity for Lyft to operate in the State of Alaska.

Lyft is a San Francisco-based TNC that was founded in 2012. Our smartphone application facilitates convenient peer-to-peer ridesharing in more than 200 cities across the United States. Through our app, Lyft currently connects millions of safe, reliable and convenient rides every single week and has generated more than a billion dollars of increased economic activity since our launch. Lyft is eager to share the benefits of ridesharing in Alaska with its residents and visitors.

As of this year, thirty eight states across the country have passed comprehensive statewide legislation that regulates Lyft in a safe and robust manner. We hope that Alaska will join that effort and allow consumers to have the ability to choose Lyft. Thank you for your consideration of this measure and request your support for House Bill 132.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Annabel R. Chang".

Annabel R. Chang
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