

To whom it may concern

My name is Ezra Stephens and I have been a 30 year resident of Juneau. I have been trying to figure out the right words to say about this ride sharing issue for over a week now.

After reading the article in today's Juneau Empire I am deeply frustrated with the assemblies stance on this issue and after multiple drafts and rewrites I have decided not to go with a non-emotional stance on how the city assembly chooses look at this issue. I will just say this, I am for the ride sharing coming to this Juneau.

It will quickly become a vital part of our towns transportation needs and tax base. I think it would foolish and shortsighted not to allow ride sharing in to Juneau. This town is trying to find new ways to pay for it's self and this a perfect opportunity to put much needed money into the coffers and put dozens of people to work on a full and part time basis.

I know the cab companies are extremely resistant to this idea and will argue that it will put a dent into their business and possibly go as far as to say it will cost people jobs. As educated and free thinking people, I hope you see passed these in inaccurate notion of costing jobs and see this as an opportunity for our town to progress and move towards the future.

Thank you for your time.

Ezra Stephens