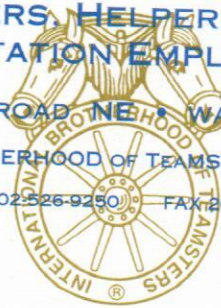


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Dear Mayor Gray and City Councilmembers:

On behalf of more than 2,000 D.C. taxi drivers who are members of the Washington, D.C. Taxi Operators Association who follow the rules and regulations of the District, we demand that the city order the so-called private sedan services to immediately cease operations until a fair resolution is reached.

These services are operating illegally in the District. Last year, the city gave the services and extension to operate until regulations were in place. The extension ended several months ago, but the City Council failed to enact fair regulations.

Virginia ordered a cease and desist order. The District of Columbia should do the same!

The bill before the Council, 20-753, would not address the fairness issues and would continue to give the private sedan service drivers an unfair advantage.

Drivers must abide by numerous regulations, including purchasing special licenses, getting their vehicles inspected every six months and getting FBI background checks. The private sedan service drivers are not required to abide by the same rules. The public is put at risk because the private sedan service drivers are not held to the same safety standards and no city agency is watching over their operations.

Today's rally and caravan show we are serious about being treated fairly and we demand action now.

I am including copies of driver petitions with this letter.

Sincerely,

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