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October 30, 2013

The Honorable Vincent Gray
Mayor of Washington D.C.
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mayor Gray:

I am writing this letter because I was on stage yesterday in front of 1,000 frustrated and angry D.C. taxi drivers. The typical driver earns \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year and struggles to make ends meet for themselves and for their families in a very expensive city.

Given the severe economic impact on the drivers of the new regulations regarding dome lights, credit card readers and the paint scheme, exacerbated by the recent Federal government shutdown, Local 922 and the Washington, D.C. Taxi Operators Association request an immediate meeting with you personally to discuss the following issues:

- A moratorium on driver fines and taxicab impoundment over the new regulations as threatened by the D.C. Taxi Commissioner.
- A subsidy or reimbursement to compensate the taxi operators for the unfair, unilaterally imposed costs associated with the new regulations.
- The appointment of a driver recommended by the Washington, D.C. Taxi Operators Association to the current vacancy on the D.C. Taxi Commission.

Time is of the essence; emergency action is needed before events reach a crisis point. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,
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