



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Mr. David J. Collins, Executive Secretary  
Maryland Public Service Commission  
William Donald Schafer Tower  
6 St. Paul Street – 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Raiser, LLC & Lyft, Inc.  
Case No. 9425

Dear Mr. Collins:

I write on behalf of the Prince George's County Council to provide written comment on Case No. 9425 - In the Matter of the Petition of Raiser, LLC & Lyft, Inc. for Waiver of Public Utilities Article Section 10-104(b) related to criminal background checks for Transportation Network Company drivers that is subject of proceeding before the Maryland Public Service Commission. While this letter does not constitute a request for intervention in the proceedings, I did want to express the County Council's position in the upcoming Commission hearing on this important public safety matter to the residents of our County and the State.

Prince George's County since 1974 has established a regulatory scheme for the operation, safety and enforcement of a taxicab system for the drivers, customers and residents of the County. Most recently, the County Council this year under took a substantial review of operations of taxicabs to improve service to our residents. Chief among the County's regulation is our requirements for driver licensing and vehicle regulation for the safety of the riding public.

The subject petition seeks to review the proper role and regulatory process of criminal background checks in Maryland and whether the public or private sector should control the review and licensing of drivers in both the traditional taxi industry and for the new Transportation Network Companies or Operators (TNC/TNOs). The Maryland Public Utilities Article §10-104(b) expresses a strong public policy requirement for taxicab drivers to undergo a comprehensive criminal background check to protect this interest of the riding public.

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The Prince George's County Council supports a fair and equitable application of criminal background check requirements for all taxicab drivers licensed in Maryland. I would request that the Public Service Commission take the County Council's views into consideration as the case proceeds. Should you have further questions regarding this matter, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Hon. Derrick L. Davis  
Council Chair

cc: Hon. Rushern L. Baker, III, Prince George's County Executive  
Hon. Jay Walker, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation  
Hon. James Rosapepe, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation  
Mr. Darrell Mobley, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation