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September 6, 2016

**The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Re: AB 1289 (Cooper) Request for Veto

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), I respectfully write to ask for your veto of AB 1289 (Cooper), which relates to background checks for drivers of transportation network companies, or TNCs. The question of driver background checks is currently under consideration by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as part of its on-going rulemaking process (R.12-12.011) relating to passenger carriers, ridesharing and new online-enabled transportation services, such as Uber and Lyft. As background on the issue of personal vehicles, please see attached the most recent filing submitted to the CPUC by the SFMTA.

The burgeoning arena of new transportation models is creating enormous governance and regulatory challenges both to the State and to cities such as San Francisco. As a city that prides itself on innovation, we are excited by the opportunities to improve mobility for all. However, as we work to navigate this dynamic and changing transportation landscape, it is fundamental that work toward a comprehensive framework that ensures public safety, accessibility and environmental sustainability. With this in mind, piecemeal legislative measures such as AB 1289 do not enable regulatory agencies to approach these primary goals in a considered and balanced fashion. Rather they serve as an end run around the deliberative process that seeks to ensure the most effective and fair outcome.

We would be happy to discuss our concerns with the preemptive nature of AB 1289 and appreciate your consideration for our request to veto this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Reiskin", written over a light gray background.

**Edward D. Reiskin
Director of Transportation**