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Governor Bill Walker
State of Alaska
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Senate Bill 14 and House Bill 132 re: Transportation Network Companies

Dear Governor Walker:

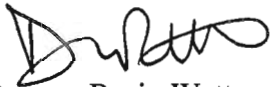
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on pending legislation relating to transportation network companies and transportation network drivers. The City and Borough of Juneau is extremely concerned with the final version of the bill. In addition to the comments below, we incorporate here our letter to Representative Kito dated March 9, 2017, and share the Alaska Municipal League's concerns as stated in its June 6, 2017, letter.

We ask you consider the following:

1. Regulation at the Juneau International Airport – Juneau is the only international airport in Alaska that is not operated by the State, and therefore the only international airport that is prohibited from managing the use of the airport by TNCs under the pending legislation. The legislature specifically gave the Department of Transportation the authority to enter into use agreements with TNCs at the international airports operated by the State. The same reasoning should have applied to Juneau, especially given the very specific and explicit preemption language contained in the bill.
2. The Port of Juneau – More cruise ship passengers come to Juneau than any other port in the State, over one million this year (more than Seattle). Juneau's port facilities are centralized in a small area, served by one main road. Tour buses, private vehicles, and all goods and materials that arrives by barge all travel through Juneau's downtown on this one road. Even if only a small percentage of the cruise ship passengers utilize the TNCs, without active and thoughtful management, the impact of that many additional vehicles and roundtrips could be incredibly disruptive, and if things go wrong, Juneau will have no recourse.

For these reasons, we believe the legislation is flawed and request your veto. The errors can and should be remedied next legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Watt', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Duncan Rorie Watt
City and Borough Manager

Attachments:

CBJ Letter to Representative Kito, 3/9/17

Alaska Municipal League Letter, 6/6/17