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To The Honorable Senate and House Members of the Energy and Telecommunication Interim Committee,

My name is Norma Duffy, I am a good friend and fellow businesswomen, of Mining City Cab Owner, Mary Garcia, who told us M.A.H.A. Members, you all, were interested in talking to us on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. The problem is this meeting according to the draft I was sent from your people is pretty devoid of information.

M.A.H.A. People, would need to be ready to discuss our side, of whatever issue is missing from this draft.

1. Is there any written questions, or information regarding this meeting that has already been lodged as evidence, that we need to be aware of? What can you tell us that is needed by your committee, for us to be ready to talk.

2. For instance, is this meeting in line with HJ16, that was passed by the 64<sup>th</sup> Legislature? Legislative law in which we were promised a Review of PSC Motor carrier law regarding the piecemeal approach that was given to M.A.H.A members with the passage of SB396 during the same 64<sup>th</sup> Legislature?

3. Or is this some other kind of meeting, More in tune with your committee, we were not aware of?

4. We would all like to be prepared to answer whatever Questions you have, and give testimony if necessary, the problem is we do not know how to answer a question that has not been asked yet.

Can you please, at you earliest convenience, tell us what you need from us, in writing, and I, as a board member for M.A.H.A. will disseminate it to all of those who have expressed interest from our side to be there on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

Thank you in advance, for your quick answer, as the 9<sup>th</sup> is coming quickly.

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**From:** Yellow Cab Inc. of Missoula companyacct <YellowCabMissoula@live.com>  
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**Subject:** ETIC Meeting HJ16

While we feel that the ride sharing is too new to the state to adequately have a detailed study of the effects, that this is the first rural area that has seen a ride sharing service so their numbers should be known or made public. As well would like to remind everyone that the regulations which are in place, are to provide the public a service without any discrimination of any kind. The meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> is about ride-sharing; if the PSC and the State are going to pursue further deregulation in the 2017 legislature then that should be discussed at that time.

Nothing contributed to Montana State Fund, nothing in Montana state in taxes, no local business license, nothing in Unemployment Insurance.

For less than 500 dollars in fees to the state ride-sharing can funnel 20 percent of the transportation revenue out of the state, under the current legislation we don't even have the right to know the amount that's not being paid. At least there should be some better wording to protect the citizens of the state from company's like these in the future from going autonomous and then not contributing anything to the state at all.

We all know that is difficult to survive in Montana most do so paycheck to paycheck. Being a business owner/operator like most cab company owners, I do feel it is a serious conflict of interest when the committee which had the final debate tabled the bill without a vote, thanked the Authority holders that attended for their time, went downstairs and re-tabled the bill without the debate from the committee and then goes to work for them, This needs to be addressed.

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