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Madison Gibbs

**TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF ALEXANDRIA UNION TAXICAB
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM MADISON GIBBS, AN ASSOCIATE OF
BYNUM AND JENKINS LAW, WE SERVE AS COUNSEL FOR
ALEXANDRIA UNION TAXICAB COOPERATIVE, INC, ALSO KNOWN
AS UNION CAB. UNION CAB IS A MEMBER OWNED TAXICAB
COMPANY HERE IN THE CITY THAT HAS 225 MEMBERS. UNION
OWNS A BUILDING ON TOWER DRIVE IN THE WEST END OF THE
CITY.**

**WE ARE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION
BOARD'S RECOMENDATION TO INCREASE THE "PICK UP" FEE
FROM \$3.00 TO \$4.00, WHICH ALONG WITH THE CITY ANAGER'S
RECOMENDATION FOR A FUEL SURCHARGE OF .50 CENTS WOULD
BRING US TO \$4.50 PER PICK UP AND IN LINE WITH NEARBY
JURISDICTIONS.**

**WE ARE ALSO HERE IN SUPPORT OF A REPEAL TO THE 10 YEAR
REQUIREMENT FOR TAXI CABS. WHEN WE WERE BEFORE THE**

TRANSPORTATION BOARD WE SOUGHT A FULL REPEAL INSTEAD OF AN EXTENSION TO 12 YEARS. WE UNDERSTAND THE CITY MANAGER WOULD IS RECOMMENDING AN INCREASE FROM 10 TO 15 YEARS.

PLEASE KNOW THAT THE OWNERS OF UNION CAB TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR VEHICLES AND THE SEEKING OF THE REPEAL WAS BASED ON COSTS TO PURCHASE NEW OR EVEN USED CARS WHICH GREATLY INCREASED DURING THE PANDEMIC AND IS STILL A HUGE FINANCIAL BURDON FOR THE DRIVERS. ALL OF OUR DRIVERS PRIDE THEMSELVES ON THE CARE THEY TAKE IN THE TAXICABS- AFTER ALL, IT IS THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND LIKE ALL PLACES OF BUSINESS THEY KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR THEM TO BE KEPT CLEAN AND PRESENTABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THE REQUEST FOR APPEAL COMES FROM FINANCIAL STRAINS ON THE DRIVGERS FROM THE LONG TERM NON LOCAL REGULATION OF UBER AND LYFT, AND NOT THE DRIVERS RELUCTANCE TO KEEP THE TAXICABS UP TO DATE.

**LASTLY, BASED UPON THE WORKING GROUP THE
TRANSPORATION BOARD HAS SET UP, WE EXPECT THE FINDINGS
TO REFLECT TAXICAB DRIVERS DO NOT MAKE A LIVING WAGE,
THUS THE NEED FOR A LONG AWAITED FARE INCREASE
HOPEFULLY LATER THIS YEAR AS THE NEXT BI ANNUAL REVIEW
WILL NOT BE FOR TWO MORE YEARS.**

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIERATION.

Gloria Sitton

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