



March 1, 2017

Senator Anna MacKinnon
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senate Finance Committee Co-Chairs
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Rm 532
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Senate Bill 14, relating to transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers.

Dear Senator MacKinnon and Senator Hoffman:

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce (Alaska Chamber) supports the current version of Senate Bill 14, an act relating to transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers.

The Alaska Chamber is a non-profit founded in 1952 working to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Chamber is the voice of small and large business representing hundreds of employers and local chambers across Alaska. Our member companies employ over 100,000 hard-working Alaskans.

There are many places in Alaska where adequate transportation services is lacking. Transportation network companies are an additional way to provide affordable transportation to Alaskans. Having these additional choices breeds competition that will benefit the users of these types of transportation and improve the quality of service. It will also provide economic opportunity to people who can use this avenue to garner additional income. Thirty-eight other states have already passed similar comprehensive legislation and now have transportation network companies providing their services to the citizens of those states.

The Alaska Chamber encourages the Senate Finance Committee to support SB 14 and pass the bill from committee.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Curtis W. Thayer'.

Curtis W. Thayer
President & CEO