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The Chairman,
Licensing and Standards committee, (C/O City Clerk's Office)
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Re: Agenda of the Taxi Related Issues' Meeting To be Held on April 15th, 2009

Dear Sir/Madame,

On behalf of all the Metro Toronto Taxicab License/permit holders and Drivers at the Toronto Pearson International Airport, I Balwinder S. Dhillon, President Airport Taxicab (Pearson Airport) Association (A.T.A.), herein make my humble submission regarding some Agenda Items of April 15, 2009 Licensing and Standards Committee meeting.

The vehicles allowed to be Toronto Licensed taxicabs should not be limited to Ontario registered vehicles only rather it could be vehicles (excluding salvaged and rebuilt) registered anywhere in North America. The entire taxicab industry is suffering from financial hardship and by restricting their vehicle purchasing freedom it would further worsen their financial situation. I further request that instead of two year, three year old vehicle be allowed as taxicab.

The feasibility of the proposal to make Child Restraint Seat mandatory in Taxies is questionable. It would considerably reduce the space in the trunk when the child seat is stored. If providing child seat to the customers becomes taxicab operators' responsibility, then he would also be held responsible for anything in the future that goes wrong with the child seat. For more than one child the driver will be required to provide **more Child Restraint Seats**. Some health issues may also crop up when the same child seat would be used by a different child.

Therefore, on behalf of all the Metro Toronto License/permit holders and drivers of Toronto Pearson International Airport, I strongly oppose the proposal to make Child Restraint Seat mandatory in taxies.

Yours Sincerely,

Balwinder S.Dhillon, President A.T.A.