

LS21.1.1

April 30, 2009

Licensing and Standards committee,
City Clerk's Office
10th Floor, West Tower
100 Queen St. West
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Dear Sir/Madame,

Re: Agenda Item LS21.1 – Mandatory Child Restraint Seats in Taxicabs

Please find enclosed a copy of my submission on Agenda Item LS21.1 regarding meeting to be held on May 7, 2009. I would request you to consider the names that were signed on the petition regarding Agenda Item LS20.5 and LS20.2 of the Taxi Related Issues' Meeting on April 15, 2009 as the petition is relevant to the Agenda Item LS21.1 Mandatory Child Restraint Seats in Taxicabs. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Rajinder Singh

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Submissions on Agenda Item LS21.1
(Meeting to be held on May 7, 2009)

I am Rajinder Singh. On behalf of the Toronto taxi owners and drivers operating at the Pearson International Airport, I present this petition signed by them and ask this committee not to make Child Restraint Seats Mandatory in Taxis. At the airport we are mostly dealing with business men who usually travel with luggage only. Even now it becomes difficult to adjust the baggage. If providing child seat becomes the responsibility of the operator, then he or she will also be held responsible for anything in the future that goes wrong with the child seat. The operator has to store the child seat somewhere in the trunk or in the car. In the trunk it will reduce the space for luggage, and in the car it will reduce the space for one passenger. Mandatory child seats may further lead to the amendment in the Taxi By Laws to reduce the number of passengers from four (4) to three (3). Every family with children mostly has child seats. It should remain the responsibility of the traveling public to carry their own child seats when they are using taxis. There are some taxi vans which have child seats. Customers can order these taxi vans if they needed one. Some health issues may also occur when the same child seat would be used by a different child. For more than one child the driver will be required to provide more child seats. Less room in the car or in the trunk will affect the customer service negatively. More over, Mandatory Child Restraint Seats will be extra financial burden to the taxi operators and is not in the best interests of the majority of the travelling public.

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 taxis. Thank you all.

Enclosures:

Rajinder Singh