

Licensing and Standards Committee - Child Restraints in Cabs

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Dear Licensing and Standards Committee Members

Subject: Mandatory Child Restraint Seats.

The Toronto Taxicab Industry Association is disturbed by the inability of the City to address real problems in the taxi industry while wasting time and resources on issues which the City clearly has no mandate to control.

This item indicates the cavalier attitude of Counsellors that do not even bother to research their interests but are allowed at a sweep of the pen to place items on the agenda of the Licensing and Standards Committee. A simple inquiry would have clarified this issue but instead we have Counsellors grandstanding at the expense of the City and our industry.

Cab Drivers are being forced by the City to pay taxes which they have been told they are exempt from and we cannot even get this item to be considered on the agenda. Cab stands are being removed all over the City and new buildings are being exempt from the City of Toronto By-Law designated cab stands. These are some of the true pressing taxi issues for better public service.

I strongly support the staff report and urge the Licensing and Standards Committee members to receive and acknowledge this report and put this item to rest. I hope that Councillor Moscoe and the other Committee members look at the urgent needs of the transportation industry.

If you want to control our industry we strongly urge you to do so in an intelligent thoughtful cooperative manner. The idea that the estimated 20,000 individuals working in the Toronto Taxi industry should be rode over roughshod has worn thin.

The legally licensed members of the Toronto Taxi Industry want the City to deal with their real pressing issues and not ones that drain resources, money and time and create no results.

Sincerely

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On Behalf of the Board and 20,000 members of the Toronto Taxicab Industry Association