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The Chairman,  
Licensing and Standards committee, (C/O City Clerk's Office)  
City Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

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 Agenda Item LS21.1 of May 7, 2009 Licensing and Standards Committee meeting.

The feasibility of the proposal to make Child Restraint Seats Mandatory in taxicabs is questionable. It would considerably reduce the space in the trunk when the child seat is stored. If providing child seats to the customers becomes taxicab operators' responsibility, then he or she would also be held responsible for anything in the future that goes wrong with the child seats. **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 Seats Mandatory in taxicabs. It should remain the responsibility of the traveling public to carry their own child seats when they are using taxicabs. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,  
Airport Taxicab (Pearson Airport) Association

Balwinder S. Dhillon  
President A.T.A.

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