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Mr. Chair and Committee members Premier Taxi endorses the staff report to the extent *that "The City of Toronto Municipal code, Chapter 545, Licensing, not be amended to require Toronto licensed limousines to be continuously registered in Ontario and be subject to the branding program administered by Ontario Ministry of Transportation"*. The report is troublesome where it mentions Limousines, only. Why it didn't include taxis. It's a very simple equation, if out of Ontario vehicle is good as limousine; it's equally good as a taxi.

The staff report is very well searched and informative, but it must include taxis in there.

There are drivers out there who want to have Lincoln Town Cars as taxis but their hands are tied because of

- Non availability of Ontario's cars
- Price difference of about \$10,000-to-\$15,000, between Ontario's cars and the cars from States.

By opening the door for taxi industry, you will provide not only a level playing field but equal opportunity to cab industry to shop around and negotiate for better price.

Mr. Chair I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to another injustice with cab industry. For sedan limousines the life span is 5 years like standard taxicab, but there is no restriction at the entry level, where as there is

three years restriction at the entry level for the cabs. If this restriction is waived for the cabs, like limousines, it will provide equal and more opportunity to the cab drivers to shop around and put better cabs on the road, without compromising the standard and safety of the cabs.

So Premier Taxi recommends:

1. *The City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, not be amended to require Toronto licensed limousines and Taxis to be consciously registered in Ontario and be subject to the branding program administered by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.*
2. *There should not be any restriction (like limousines) for the cabs at the entry level within 5 years for standard plate, 6 years for ambassador and owner operator and 7years for new cars.*

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