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Ms. Tracey Cook  
Executive Director  
Municipal Licensing & Standards  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Re: iTaxiWorkers Association position

Dear Ms. Cook,

In advance of your report to the city's Licensing and Standards Committee, the iTaxiWorkers Association would like to lend its support to the reforms passed by City Council in February 2014. The Association unequivocally supports a licensing system which allows for only one type of licence across the entire industry. We would like to eliminate the two-tier system and move towards an owner-operated model. Taxi drivers are confident that an owner-operator model will lead to less exploitation and more equity for frontline taxi drivers in this industry.

The reforms passed by City Council in February 2014 happened after years of extensive consultation with the various stakeholders in the industry. It would be unwise to even entertain the possibility of reopening various aspects of the reforms as suggested by the motions passed at Licensing and Standards Committee meeting on January 20, 2015.

Furthermore, the decision by Superior Court Justice David Stinson on January 30, 2015 clearly states that "there was no procedural unfairness in Council enacting the TTL, nor in imposing a 2014 start date. These decisions were also not arbitrary". "To the contrary, the extensive and open consultation process in which it engaged, the notice provided, and the public debate that preceded the enactment of the changes, all point to the conclusion that the City acted in good faith."

The iTaxiWorkers Association would like to work with ML&S staff to set a mandatory deadline for the conversion to a system where we have "one city, one plate".

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Sajid Mughal, President  
iTaxiWorkers Association