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Subject: Analysis of Driver Wages in the Vehicle-for-Hire industry

Good afternoon, Madam Chair and committee members

It is an honor for me to speak to this committee.

Madam Chair, even though the staff report in front of you regarding Drivers Wages in the vehicle for hire, is comprehensive and very well-articulated. But unfortunately, one key factor is missing from the report, the Toronto Population in 2016 when PTC were regulated and in 2024. This information may help this committee to learn why PTCs drivers are making \$5-6 per hr.

Madam Chair according to this report, in 2016, there were 29,051 PTCs drivers and Toronto population was 2.87 million. In 2024, there are 80,429 PTCs drivers and Toronto population is approximately 3.1 million. There was barely 10% growth in Toronto population but 180% growth in PTCs drivers. In 2016, there was 1 PTC driver for 93 citizens, whereas in 2024 there is 1 PTC driver for only 39 citizens.

Let's take a look that what's happening in New York.

New York population is approximately 19 million, and the number of Ridesharing drivers is same like Toronto, 80,000. it means there is 1 Uber driver for 238 citizens. Madam Chair and committee members, this information may help you understand why Uber drivers are making \$5-6 per hr. It clearly shows that there is an oversupply of PTC drivers. The Staff Report elaborates the 50% (40,000) of PTC drivers are part timers. It means 40,000 PTC drivers have their other jobs

which is not fair for the ones whose primary job is working with PTC. If you eliminate part timers, it may help the ones, working full time as PTCs driver.

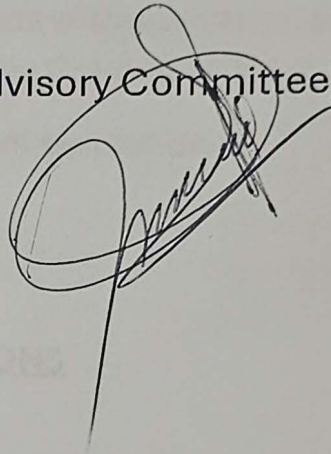
Anyway, this is my two cents.

Once again, thank you Madam Chair and Committee members.

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SECTION 4: ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing & Standards, to procure a consultant to undertake a supply and demand study that assesses and measures the impact of the volume of PTC vehicles and drivers, as it relates to full-time and part-time taxicab drivers in the market, before and/or after the proposed PTC selection in the year 2015 and every two years after that.

2. City Council Direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing & Standards to:

a. Review the current PTC market for Standard Rate PTCs.

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