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Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg
Members of the Senate
State House
Boston, MA

Dear Senate President Rosenberg and Members of the Senate:

On behalf of Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM) and the thousands of members which AIM represents; we write in support of S.2371 that enables the ride for hire industry to thrive and grow in the Commonwealth while providing reasonable regulations. S.2371 represents an understanding of the ridesharing industry's unique vision and would allow the ride for hire industry to continue operations under a reasonable regulatory framework.

As the Senate debates amendments to this legislation, AIM urges members to share in the same goal, which is to allow these types of ideas and new approaches to providing services to advance. Since, Massachusetts is known for its innovation and creativity, our state laws, regulations and overall business climate must foster innovation or suffer the consequence of losing new technologies and new companies to other states more welcoming.

Massachusetts must provide smart, efficient, and cost effective regulations that support innovation. Businesses in the new economy, regardless of industry, will not survive if our Commonwealth implements legislation that seeks to unduly overregulate rather than promote economic growth.

AIM's Blueprint for the Next Century¹ calls on policy leaders to address business cost, workforce training and two other key tenants that are embodied in this bill:

1. Support business formation and expansion by creating a uniformly competitive economic structure across all industries, geographic regions and populations, rather than picking winners and losers.
2. Establish a world-class state regulatory system that ensures the health and welfare of society in a manner that meets the highest standards of efficiency, predictability, transparency and responsiveness.

AIM urges members of the Senate to support S.2371. Please feel free to contact AIM should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley A. MacDougall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bradley A. MacDougall
Vice President for Government Affairs

Cc: Senator Karen E. Spilka

¹ http://www.aimnet.org/userfiles/files/AIM_%20Blueprint%20for%20the%20Next%20Century_wb2.pdf