



May 4, 2016


Honorable Bruce Harrell, President  
Seattle City Council  
600 4th Avenue, Floor 2  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Harrell:

I am transmitting Council Bill 118663 without my signature, understanding that it will become law.

This legislation will help keep Seattle's streets safe. But my original proposal, CB 118647, would have legislated more broadly to decrease the risks of distracted driving on tour vehicles industry-wide, rather than only on open-air vehicles. Throughout the debate, my administration has shared with Council my concerns regarding the limited scope of this new legislation. We will continue to monitor traffic safety data to determine whether additional legislation will be required.

Sincerely,



Edward B. Murray  
Mayor, City of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council  
Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk