



December 23, 2015

Honorable Tim Burgess, President  
Seattle City Council  
600 4th Avenue, Floor 2  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Burgess,

I am transmitting Council Bill 118499 without my signature, understanding that it will become law.

The tremendous growth of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) in Seattle, both in terms of popularity and the number of trips, demonstrates that this new business model is changing how people move around the city. These companies are providing valuable new tools for city residents and innovating at a tremendous pace.

I said consistently during this debate that I support the right of workers to organize to create a fair and just workplace. I remain concerned that this ordinance, as passed by the Council, includes several flaws, especially related to the relatively unknown costs of administering the collective bargaining process and the burden of significant rulemaking the Council has placed on City staff. My office has shared my concerns with the Council throughout the debate.

As this ordinance takes effect, my administration will begin its work to determine what it will take to implement the law. I believe it will be necessary to seek additional clarifying legislation from the Council. I look forward to working with councilmembers in 2016 on their ordinance.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Murray  
Mayor, City of Seattle

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

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