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Politicians always want to say that taxi cab drivers are an integral part of Detroit public transportation system and that cabbies in the Detroit area are the:

**“AMBASSADORS FOR THE CITY OF DETROIT”! SO WHY SINCE:**

*December 2013 the State of Michigan issued a Cease & Desist letter to Uber, Inc., by way of Michigan Department of Transportation regarding dispatching of non-state Limousine licensed class b limos. Uber continued to advertise and do business with non-licensed independent contractors using personal vehicles with personal insurance and non-Commercial License Plates. And continue to do so to this day this is in Violation of the Limousine Public Act 271 and the State Vehicle Code requiring Vehicles for Hire to have a “Regular” Commercial insurance & License Plates and a Chauffeurs Driver’s license. Are these companies that call themselves app-based ridesharing services legally? MDCDA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ARE TNC’s ABOVE THE LAW?*

**So these are some questions that MDCDA would like answers to!**

- 1.) Why hasn't the City of Detroit enforced PA 271 of 1990 the limousine act which MDOT issued a cease-and-desist order to Uber in Dec 2013 and order them to come into compliances with the vehicles for hire laws in the State of Michigan.
- 2.) Why would the City of Detroit Law Dept. enter into an interim operating agreement of May 2014 with Illegal Corporations that does not follow orders or regulations all over the world but is still allowed to do business without any impunity whatsoever?
- 3.) Transportation Network Companies (TNC) are taxicab companies. **The use of apps by TNCs does not put them in a class by themselves; thousands of licensed taxicab companies across the America & the World use them.**
- 4.) The City and State has permitted these de facto taxi (TNC) companies to flout the laws with open impunity by deploying an invasion of unlicensed cars and drivers within the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan for over a year.
- 5.) Why hasn't the MEDIA researched these ride-sharing-companies, instead they are promoting them on all media platforms and **WE MEAN ALL PLATFORMS!**
- 6.) Why has there been stepped up traffic enforcement on cabbies and the citizens of the City of Detroit by the Detroit Police Department.

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- 7.) Why are private citizens able to compete with professional taxicab drivers for the vehicles for hire business, while not being required to uphold the safety standards as well as the associated costs in running a vehicle for hire business?
- 8.) A breakdown of the year 2014 ticket citations for the vehicles for hire industry looking at taxicab drivers, black car and TNC drivers broking down on a monthly basis to include those tickets that were Let's Make A DEAL with at 36<sup>th</sup> District Court!
- 9.) Destructive pricing with TNC that keep going lower and lower in transporting people that TNC compaines used to gain market share now they are a market power that does what it wants!
- 10.) TNC IT DOES WHAT IT WANTS TO AND WHEN IT WANTS TO ALL OVER THE WORLD WITH NO RULES & REGULATIONS WHATSOEVER!
- 11.) MDCDA sat at the table updateing the provisions for chapter 58 Vehicle for Hire Ordinance and would like to know what is taking so long for the public review of this ordinance .
- 12.) **Totally deregulaion of the regulations governing taxicabs.**

If there are any question that need to be clarified please give us a call at (313)-574-9737.

Yours in the struggle,

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