

To: Representatives serving on the Michigan House Committee on Energy and Technology & other Interested Parties

From: David R. Reid, President – Select Ride, Inc. 2050 Commerce Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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Re: HB 5908

Ladies & Gentlemen, I have a number of concerns about this Bill, but the biggest is that it proposes to eliminate the long-standing limousine transportation act 271 of 1990 and it replaces it with little in the form of new regulations for vehicles under nine seating capacity. Companion vehicles pending elsewhere seek only to regulate TNCs and no one believes that anyone would really do that.

What we could have is the development of a patchwork of regulations for legitimate limousine operators all over the state popping up from many municipalities that could impose difficulties upon small Michigan businesses ranging from Mom and Pop companies which most limousine companies are to small corporations like mine operated by a few family members and other trusted associates. Perhaps even worse, in the townships, there would be no regulations at all. Some individual that decides that they would like to purchase an eight passenger super stretch MKT town car, perfect for taking teens to the proms and young couples to weddings, etc. could just locate themselves in a township near a metropolitan area or near a country high school and they would need no license at all, no mechanical inspection, no oversight from anyone whatsoever...and they could be in the limousine business with just a business card. This could be the second most ridiculous business model I've heard of lately, and I urge you not to allow it.

Thank you.