

June 29, 2021

Chairman Joseph J. Solomon Jr.
Rhode Island General Assembly
House Committee on Corporations
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Avail Support – HB 6429 – An Act Relating to Insurance – Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program

Dear Chairman Solomon Jr. and Committee Members,

On behalf of Avail, a peer-to-peer car sharing company backed by Allstate, we write today in strong support of House Bill 6429 (HB6429) on peer-to-peer car sharing. Peer-to-peer car sharing allows Rhode Island residents to share their cars with other residents and visitors in need of a safe, convenient, and affordable means of transportation. At the same time those sharing their vehicles enjoy the added benefit of earning passive income through the sharing process by utilizing an asset that for many has been sitting in their driveway or garage for months as we endure the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to providing an alternative to traditional car renting, peer-to-peer car sharing gives citizens a new solution to longstanding mobility needs where public transit and other alternatives are not an option.

HB6429 would establish a clear and comprehensive regulatory framework necessary to promote peer-to-peer car sharing and protect all involved in and around the sharing process. This legislation, which is based off a nationally agreed upon model and which enjoys cross-industry support, would help bring uniformity to peer-to-peer car sharing regulation and foster an innovative transportation model in Rhode Island. Through the establishment of robust insurance requirements, strong consumer protections and safety protocols, and clear definitions, HB6429

would ensure that peer-to-peer car sharing is appropriately and adequately regulated allowing your citizens and visitors to reap the benefits of the sharing economy.

We thank you for considering this critical legislation and we welcome the opportunity to work with the committee and members throughout the legislative process.

Sincerely,



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