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The Honorable Raymond A. Hull
Chair – House Committee on
Municipal Government and Housing
State House
Providence, R.I. 02903

Re: H 6629 – An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers-Transportation Network Company Services – Town of New Shoreham

Dear Chairman Hull,

The Division has no objection to **H-6629** which would exempt Transportation Network Companies (TNC) operating in New Shoreham from state TNC regulations and to ascribe to New Shoreham the exclusive authority to regulate TNC services to the town.

While the Division is willing to regulate TNC services in New Shoreham, as we currently do statewide, we also recognize the unique situation of Block Island where any TNC services would originate and terminate only within the town. Given the island's unique characteristics, seasonality and exclusively intra-community for-hire passenger service, the Division views this matter as a local governance issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda George".

Linda George, Esq.

Administrator, RI Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

CC: Members - House Committee Municipal Government and Housing
Representative Blake A. Filippi