



April 2, 2026

The Honorable Louis DiPalma
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Senate Bill 2092

Dear Chair DiPalma and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Uber Technologies Inc., I am writing to express our strong opposition to **S 2092**, which proposes an additional \$0.75 fee on every Transportation Network Company (TNC) trip.

As we navigate the economic landscape of 2026, Rhode Island must firmly commit to making this the year of affordability. With residents already feeling the squeeze of a high cost of living, the state's priority should be easing the financial strain on essential services—not compounding it through redundant double taxation. Rather than burdening residents with superfluous taxation, the state must protect the wallets of its citizens by ensuring that vital transportation remains accessible and economical.

Rhode Island is already an outlier in how it treats rideshare. Our riders currently contribute one of the highest state-level sales taxes in the nation. By the numbers:

- In 2024, the 7% sales tax attributed to over \$6 million in revenue for the state
- In 2025, the 7% sales tax attributed to nearly \$7 million in revenue for the state

If S 2092 passes, Rhode Island would become the **only state in the nation** to assess both a statewide sales tax *and* a statewide per-trip fee. This is a "double tax" on a service that many residents rely on for work, medical appointments, and basic mobility.

Transportation is not a luxury; it is a necessity. Because riders ultimately shoulder the full cost of every trip, this fee is a direct price hike on the people of Rhode Island. Adding more layers of taxation to the same transaction undermines the goal of keeping our state accessible and affordable for all.

We fully support the state's goals of improving infrastructure and transit. However, we believe there is a more equitable way to fund these projects without further straining the pockets of your constituents.

Let's make 2026 the year we prioritize the financial health of Rhode Islanders by rejecting double taxation on essential transit.

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