

June 12, 2019

Hon. Emily Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

We are writing regarding the General Service Administration's (GSA) draft Request For Proposal (RFP) issued on May 22, 2019 for Government-Wide Rideshare/Ride-Hail Passenger Services (QMAC-DRAFT-190004). We are concerned that this RFP was issued just a few days before Memorial Day with a due date of June 5, 2019, giving potential respondents in transportation industry only ten days to respond with comprehensive and thoughtful comments to an RFP with an estimated value of \$162 million annually.

We are also concerned that GSA is moving forward so quickly a proposal this large without holding events with industry stakeholders to benefit from their input and expertise. As you are undoubtedly aware, the for-hire transportation industry landscape has changed significantly in the past decade. We believe it is critical that GSA work directly with industry experts before issuing any final RFP. GSA should not create a program of this magnitude without fully understanding all the issues necessary to administer such a large procurement.

We have questions about how this procurement would work given various ways Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) are regulated across the country, such as:

- How will GSA treat each of these different regulatory models?
- How will GSA deal with the various pricing models when some are regulated based on the fees they can charge, and others are not?
- Does GSA plan to require awardees to submit plans for passenger safety, an issue of major concern?
- How will GSA evaluate major TNC companies with little or no path to business sustainability?

These are only a few of the questions that the transportation industry can help GSA and Congress understand before awarding potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts that may not fully meet the needs of the U.S. Government and its employees.

It is also unclear if this new program is intended to create another option for transportation services or whether it is meant to replace the current fleet of federal vehicles. If GSA has not already done so, we request that GSA conduct a study to determine what impact this proposal would have on the current fleet of vehicles owned or leased by the federal government. If GSA has already done such a study, we would like to review those results. We support new and innovative ways to service the needs of the federal government, but we need to ensure that sufficient data is available and has been studied before creating new programs.

We are not opposed to the approach GSA is considering. We are, however, deeply concerned that GSA is preparing to issue an RFP without fully understanding the needs of the government, how the ever-

changing for-hire transportation industry operates today, and how it will operate in the future. These questions can be answered in meetings with the transportation industry and by doing a comprehensive study.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on these time-sensitive issues.

Respectfully,

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

6-13-19 update: In the process of being added are John Moolenaar, Sandford Bishop, Alan Lowenthal and Adriano Espaillat.