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Cc. Hon. Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure  
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### **Downtown Vancouver BIA Support for Ridesharing**

The Downtown Vancouver BIA is a member of the Ridesharing Now coalition, a group which has long advocated to allow ridesharing companies to operate in British Columbia as soon as possible.

Ridesharing is the missing piece of an otherwise strong regional transportation network. Ridesharing will provide a much-needed option for those trips that are not well served by transit. For example, late at night commutes when Skytrain is closed for maintenance, or those last mile connections between transit stops and home.

Downtown Vancouver is the economic and cultural hub of the region. Healthy growth of the downtown core requires safe, convenient, and reliable modes of transportation to and from the area. Ridesharing will address the gaps in transportation service downtown and elsewhere.

In regards to business licensing, we support a unified, regional ridesharing license rather than a per vehicle fee structure. The regional license, coordinated by TransLink, would allow fee revenues to be allocated to cities based on their proportion of trip pickups.

The impact that ridesharing will have on traffic congestion should be monitored. We support the government's requests for data sharing from ridesharing operators, as this data will help make informed decisions if future regulations are needed.

Thank you for your efforts in bringing ridesharing to British Columbia.

Regards,



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