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TO: Taxicab Authority Board

FROM: Ronald Grogan

Taxicab Authority Administrator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Grogan".

SUBJECT: Statutory Roles and Responsibilities

DATE: December 20, 2017

The Taxicab Authority Administration (“Administration”) desires to cooperate with the Board to perform duties required under NRS chapter 706, and understands that the strength of this relationship directly affects both parties’ effectiveness. For this reason, I as Administrator remain committed to keeping communication open, sharing the position of the agency on issues concerning the taxicab industry, and cooperating with the Board to the extent that Nevada laws and regulations permit. I along with my staff will support actions taken by the Board so long as these actions remain within the Board’s authority.

The Board has recently changed administrative procedures, which the Administration believes to be outside of the Board’s authority. The Board during the November 2017 meeting voted to have Administration automatically provide copies of long haul citations to respective companies within 24 hours of issuance. The current administrative policy requires TA staff to complete investigation reports within five days of the citation. The November board action supersedes the administrative directive and authority.

Drivers receive a copy of all citations when they are issued. If the industry feels the immediate receipt of the citations would help curb long hauling they could implement a policy that requires drivers to turn in any citations at the end of their shift. In addition, the TA currently sends a weekly court calendar (which shows the citations issued by driver) to all taxi companies. This report can be used to ensure drivers are complying with the requirement to provide their employers with copies of all long haul citations. This process would accomplish the goal of getting citations to the industry quickly without adding workload to TA staff. Our staff resources are nearly 33% lower due to budget reductions which has impacted in several skill areas.

The Administration believes that the Board established an administrative procedure that may have exceeded its statutory authority. I voiced my objection and reasons for my concerns on the record at our last meeting.

Further, I have made multiple requests for the Board to provide information supporting its authority to establish agency procedures. To date, I have only received verbal statements indicating that both the Board Chairman and his Deputy Attorney General disagree with my position.

Although the Administration desires to cooperate with the Board, I am not currently able to comply with the Board's order absent showing of proper authority by the Deputy Attorney General in writing.

The Administration strives to maintain transparency and adherence to Nevada laws. I hope that this communication helps to strengthen the relationship between the Administration and the Board, encourages accountability, and upholds the statutory provisions created by the legislature. I remain available to further discuss the issue and work together towards a resolution.

