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## SUPPORTING THE PRACTICE OF FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION REGULATION

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## **VIA REGULAR MAIL**

Commission sur les transports et les travaux publics Ville de Montréal

Re: <u>Letter in Support of the Proposals of Montreal Taxi Bureau (BTM)</u>

## Dear Commissioners:

The International Association of Transportation Regulators (the "IATR") is aware of the Bureau du taxi de Montréal's ("BTM") proposed changes to the Montreal taxi industry to enhance the level of safety of drivers and passengers, and to increase customer satisfaction. The IATR is a peer group of taxi, limousine and for-hire transportation regulators from around the world, dedicated to improving the practice of licensing, enforcement and administration of for-hire transportation through the sharing of information and resources. Member jurisdictions include taxi and limousine commissions from various jurisdictions with the sole responsibility for the governance and control of for-hire transportation licensing and enforcement; police departments and other law enforcement agencies with the responsibility of administering and enforcing for-hire transportation regulations and consumer protection; transportation agencies with responsibility for public safety and service quality; and airport authorities that regulate airport ground transportation.

The IATR has reviewed the specific proposals currently under consideration by the Commission sur les transports et les travaux publics (the "Commission") and supports them wholeheartedly as they are consistent with our efforts to optimize driver and passenger safety, as well as the efficiency of transportation services. Several jurisdictions have similar requirements with respect to i.e., security cameras (e.g., San Francisco, CA); driver training (e.g., New York City; San Francisco, CA); and passenger interactive screens (e.g., New York City). The proposed changes will aid in promoting the Montreal taxi industry to meet industry standards

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that passengers have come to expect from modern for-hire services.

We would be happy to meet with the Commission to discuss the issues raised in this letter. We applaud and support your efforts to maintain high standards of safety and customer service in Montreal that will surely benefit transportation customers far into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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