



March 15, 2018

The Honorable Laura Friedman  
State Capitol, Room 2137  
Sacramento, CA 95814

***RE: Support for AB 2246 (Friedman): Rental passenger vehicles: personal vehicle sharing programs***

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

On behalf of the California Travel Association (CalTravel), I wish to express support for AB 2246, which will ensure that consumer protections applicable to rental car companies, including recalls, apply equally to personal vehicle sharing programs.

Over the years, California has enacted legislation that provides transparency, consumer protections, safety provisions, and insurance protections for rental car consumers. These provisions not only help to ensure the safety of the consumer, but also others on the road. It has come to our attention that other car sharing platforms who rent personal vehicles are not obligated to abide by the same consumer protections and safety standards as traditional rental car companies, despite the core of their business practice which is renting a car to consumers. In our eyes, consumers should have equal protections, especially when it comes to safety, when renting a car in the state of California regardless of the platform they choose.

As the umbrella trade association representing the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry, CalTravel members take immense pride in the products and services they provide to tourist, and safety for tourist has and will remain a top priority for our members. In 2017, the tourism industry in California generated \$130 billion, spending that supported over one million jobs. California travelers also generated \$10.3 billion in state and local taxes to support vital public services including public safety, health, park maintenance, education, and road repair. Our membership is made up of cities, destinations, resorts, amusement parks, sports venues, transportation companies, industry associations, ad agencies, media companies, and other organizations for whom travel and tourism is important.

To ensure consumer protections, and safety for all rental car consumers, regardless of the platform they use, CalTravel is pleased to support AB 2246.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Newton".

Barbara Newton  
President and CEO  
California Travel Association