

Supporting The Passage Of A06090/S04280 To Authorize Ridesharing In The State Of New York

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio and Rodriguez)

Legislator Jonathan R. Heppner and Legislator Greene offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is dedicated to finding innovative and cost effective ways to expand available services for residents and visitors of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County covers a total area of 1,161 square miles; and

WHEREAS, increased transportation options can help connect Ulster County residents to opportunities for employment, education, commerce, art, and culture; and

WHEREAS, ridesharing and other carpooling services will bring in additional sales tax revenue that Ulster County could dedicate to upgrading our local infrastructure and improving our local public transportation, especially for low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County strives to be a leader regarding environmental initiatives and ridesharing conserves non-renewable energy resources and can help to improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, ridesharing offers public safety benefits such as helping to lower the instances of drunk or impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, ridesharing offers licensed drivers in good-standing the opportunity to earn additional income on a flexible schedule; and

WHEREAS, ridesharing services and platforms are developing safe, innovative, quality-controlled networks to connect drivers and riders; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County's private and public transportation service are at times limited and inconvenient; and

WHEREAS, a bill entitled, "AN ACT to amend the insurance law, the vehicle and traffic law, the general municipal law and the transportation law, in relation to transportation network companies" is currently before both houses of the New York State Legislature: in the Assembly Bill No. 6090, and in the Senate, Bill No. 4280; now, therefore, be it

