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LANJ Delivers Solid Message on TNCs to NJ Senate Transportation Committee

Yesterday February 9 LANJ president **Jeff Shanker**, representing the chauffeured transportation industry of New Jersey, testified in front of the New Jersey Senate Transportation Committee hearing on S-2592, a proposed bill that would regulate transportation network companies (TNCs) as traditional chauffeured transportation companies, and S-2742, a bill that mirrors proposed Assembly legislation to establish insurance and safety requirements for companies that use a digital network or software application to match passengers with drivers.

Shanker's testimony called for TNCs to only run commercially licensed vehicles, have commercial liability insurance and be bound by state fingerprint background checks and annual vehicle safety inspections. He also brought the Transportation Committee members' attention to the implications of TNCs' current use of independent contractors and their uncollected employment and business taxes including sales tax on service.

As no vote was taken at the hearing to move either S-2592 or S-2742 out of committee, LANJ and its lobbying firm, the Kaufman Zita Group, next will craft a position statement on TNCs and the chauffeured transportation industry and step up their one-on-one education blitz with New Jersey lawmakers.

2015 LANJ Committees Launched, Chairpersons Named

At a special LANJ Board of Directors meeting held by conference call on February 3, a motion was approved unanimously to establish a new Education Committee and a new Social Media Committee for the Limousine Association of New Jersey in addition to the Membership Committee which was set up late last year. **Jason Sharenow** (Broadway Elite Chauffeured Services, East Hanover) and **David Seelinger** (Empire CLS, Secaucus) were named as the respective committee chairs.

LANJ president **Jeff Shanker** (A-1 Limousine, Princeton) and immediate past president **James Moseley** (Trip Tracker, Cherry Hill) also committed to co-chair the Legislative Committee and longtime PAC Fundraising Committee chair **Pete Corelli** (Lakeview Custom Coach, Oaklyn) pledged to continue heading this very important effort.

Reminder for Operators: Send Your Legal Authority to Operate Verification to LANJ Office TODAY

All operator members of the Limousine Association of New Jersey, including current members and new applicants, now are required to provide verification of their company's legal authority to operate...per a motion that was unanimously approved by the LANJ Board of Directors on December 17.

A copy of the company's municipality license/letter indicating official operating authority can serve the purpose. Confirmation of the company's U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) number (if any) is an additional requisite.

If you have not done so already, TODAY please: 1) send verification of your company's legal authority to operate to the LANJ office at patricia.nelson103@gmail.com: and 2) include your

USDOT number in the cover email (or indicate that you do not have one).

Many thanks to all operator members who have complied with this requirement to date!

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