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LANJ Team to Participate in Tomorrow's Annual NLA Day on the Hill

Chauffeured transportation operators and suppliers from across New Jersey will be represented by the Limousine Association of New Jersey tomorrow June 10 at the National Limousine Association's annual Hill Day in Washington D.C.

This year's LANJ team includes: longtime members **Robert Bellagamba** and **Michael Renehan** (Concorde Worldwide, Freehold), brand-new members **Luis Rosario** and **Cenzig Tasdemir** (Pegasus Worldwide Chauffeured Services, Carlstadt) and executive director **Patricia Nelson**.

Meetings are anticipated at the offices of Senators Cory Booker (D) and Robert Menendez (D) and Congressmen Christopher Smith (R-4th) and Bill Pascrell (D-9th).

The Limousine Association of New Jersey is a NLA association member. Representatives of other state and regional NLA association members, including contingents from California, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Virginia, also will participate in this year's lobbying crusade on behalf of the chauffeured transportation industry.

NLA Hill Day Focus: Independent Contractors and Business Expensing



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This year the NLA Hill Day meetings with Congressional leaders will focus on two issues, namely independent contractors and small business expensing.

Issue #1: Independent Contractors - Drivers for transportation network companies (TNCs), such as Uber and Lyft, are being misclassified as independent contractors (ICs).

Per the NLA, "By misclassifying their employees as independent contractors, Uber and Lyft deny them the basic workplace law protections. (Hence, they) receive no overtime or workplace benefits, causing drivers to be heavily reliant on publicly provided assistance such as Medicaid, food stamps and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Also, (such) misclassification of drivers reduces federal, state and local revenues and robs unemployment insurance and workers' compensation funds in billions of much-needed dollars. Finally, by misclassifying drivers as ICs, Uber and Lyft illegally increase their already substantial profits while gaining an unlawful and significant competitive advantage against hardworking drivers properly classified as full-time employees."

Accordingly, LANJ and all Hill Day emissaries will ask that Members of Congress contact the U.S. Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service to examine TNCs' classification of drivers as independent contractors.

Issue #2: Small Business Expensing - Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code, which allowed small businesses to deduct the full purchase price of qualifying equipment purchased during the tax year, has expired.

As explained by the NLA, "A ground transportation operator who purchases a van, shuttle, sedan, bus or motorcoach, or other chauffeured vehicles may deduct THE FULL PURCHASE PRICE from gross income (up to \$500,000 of the cost for operators who purchase, finance or lease less than \$2 million in new cars). The incentive is intended to encourage small businesses with pre-arranged ground transportation companies to buy equipment and invest in themselves."

As such, LANJ and all Hill Day teams will ask that Members of Congress support small business and extend the Section 179 small business expensing provision which has expired.

Coming Soon! Brand-New LANJ.org

Be on the lookout for the brand-new Limousine Association of New Jersey website which is soon to make its debut.

Thanks to LANJ Social Media Committee co-chairs **David Seelinger** (Empire CLS, Secaucus) and **Jennifer Wong** (DriveProfit, Newtown, Conn.), LANJ.org is getting a shiny fresh look that also will offer the capability for

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