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LANJ Continues to Fight for Passenger Safety and Business Parity

The Limousine Association of New Jersey is at the forefront of helping shape the laws under which the transportation network companies (TNCs) must operate.

For example, LANJ supports the newly introduced bill called "Sami's Law" that aims to better protect passengers when they order an Uber or Lyft in the Garden State. The bipartisan bill would require drivers working for ride-share companies to use reflective or illuminated signs on their front and rear windows and a digital barcode that can be scanned with a smartphone to identify themselves.

The legislation (A5321) has been named "Sami's Law" after Samantha Josephson, a University of South Carolina student from New Jersey, who was murdered in March after getting into a car she believed to be the Uber ride she ordered. The victim's father, Seymour Josephson, also has been working with members of Congress to pass a similar measure at the federal level (see below).

For more information on A5321, which was passed by the Assembly and the Senate yesterday June 10, see <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us>.

LANJ Joins National Limousine Association's 2019 Hill Day Campaign





Representatives of the Limousine Association of New Jersey joined forces with New York State operators to bring chauffeured transportation industry messaging to the two states' Congressional leaders' attention on June 6, the 2019 National Limousine Association's Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C.

As pictured here are (l.) LANJ board member **Brian O'Neill** (Grech Motors) and (r.) LANJ treasurer and board member **Barry Trabb** (Complete Fleet Livery Sales) flanking Long Island Transportation Association president **Douglas Schwartz** (Executive Limousine, West Babylon), Limousine, Bus, Taxi Operators of Upstate New York president **Kevin Barwell** (Giorgios Limousine Service, Buffalo), **Dave Brown** (Premiere Transportation, Albany) and **Javaid Chaudhry** (NYG Limousine, New York City).

The team's primary "ask" was for the lawmakers to support a provision of the recently introduced PRO Act which would define transportation network company (TNC) drivers as employees, not as independent contractors. This is based on the California Public Utilities Commission (CA PUC) ruling from 2018 which provided a new "ABC" test to determine whether a worker should be classified as an independent contractor or as an employee.

The New Jersey-New York contingent, like the many other NLA Hill Day operator and supplier participants from across the U.S., also asked for increased safety measures such as fingerprint background checks on all drivers and that all TNC cars display a scannable QR code to verify that the car is actually the one assigned to the passenger.

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