

Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee,

The Southeast Wisconsin Taxicab Drivers Association supports a complete removal of any cap on the number of taxicabs in the city of Milwaukee. Adding additional cabs is a worthy goal, but adding some while keeping a cap will not fix the larger problem.

As long as there is a cap, some drivers will be unable to start their own cab business. This will protect those who already own cabs and not allow competition to make the industry better. Existing cab owners will still be able to sit on their heels, charge drivers too high of rents, and not improve existing service for customers, because they will know that the number of competitors cannot go up. That is happening now, and will continue until the cap goes away for good.

The people of Milwaukee think that the City is trying to save the status quo. The City should not spend taxpayers' money to defend or protect the current taxicab companies.

We hope you obey Judge Carroll's order and lift the cap A.S.A.P.

You need to remember that you are the representatives of the whole city, not only for a few cab owners and cab companies.

Sincerely,

Saad Malik

Chairman

SE Wisconsin Taxi Drivers Association