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Subject: Public Works Committee Meeting

Dear Aldermen,

I am the chairman of the Southeast Wisconsin Taxi Drivers Association. On behalf of all of the taxi drivers I apologize for what happened today at the Public Works Committee hearing. Some of the taxi drivers got upset when the Yellow Cab secretary started accusing us. I am very sorry.

I am attaching the testimony that I prepared for today's hearing, but I never got the chance to speak. It explains what is going on between the taxi drivers and Yellow Cab

Sincerely,
Saad Malik

Testimony for Public Hearing
Public Works Committee
July 8, 2015

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150356 - An ordinance relating to body colors for affiliated taxicabs.

Good Morning. My name is Saad Malik. I am the chairman of the Southeast Wisconsin Taxi Drivers Association. As an association, we are in favor of this ordinance.

Mr. Chairman and the committee members, there is not even a single city in the whole country, except Milwaukee, where the city government restricts cab colors. You have restricted the yellow color to Yellow Cab Co-Op. Yellow is a universal taxi color. Yellow Cab is blackmailing owners/operators just because of this color and I am going to explain to you how.

Yellow Cab Co-Op is a public company, but it is being taken over by one Somali family. The company's bylaws have been changed many times in the past without the consent of any owner/operator. Somali owners/operators are being favored over all of the other races in Yellow Cab. We used to have elections to choose board members and other administrators, but ever since this Somali family took over Yellow Cab, we don't have elections anymore. Yellow Cab is involved in unfair business practices by establishing a two-tier dispatch system. People in the administration give rides to selected drivers and take kickbacks. Whenever an owner/operator approaches them to discuss these issues, the first thing they will be told is to change their cabs color. We had a series of demonstrations for the last two months against the behavior of the Yellow Cab administration. They started targeting the people who were leading the demonstrations, including me. They sent letters to the License Division asking them to force those owners/operators to change the yellow color. We have spent money on the color, to get the equipment installed from them, and signs. We have asked them to pay us back for all of that stuff, but they are not giving our money back.

Mr. Chairman, I would just like to inform you that I am being harassed by Yellow Cab administration ever since they heard about this hearing. If any harm is done to me or my family, the Yellow Cab administration should be held responsible.

Mr. Chairman, the monopoly on the cab color should end. All of the cab colors should have no restriction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Saad Malik