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House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

March 18, 2019

Re: Oregon House Bill 3001 (Marsh) Peer-to-peer rental car program fees/taxes

House Committee on Business and Labor,

On behalf of Travel Portland, the destination marketing and management organization for the city of Portland, I am writing to respectfully urge you to support House Bill 3001 to ensure that peer-to-peer rental car programs will be subject to the same airport fees, state and local taxes as existing car rental companies.

In 2014, Portland became the first city where Airbnb began collecting the 11.5% City of Portland and Multnomah County transient lodging tax (TLT) on Portland lodging reservations made through its platform. Airbnb and other home sharing platforms continue to remit the TLT to the city on behalf of their hosts monthly.

Based on the precedence set by peer-to-peer lodging platforms, we support HB3001 in its efforts to ensure that similarly modeled rental car programs should contribute to the local economy via matched expectations around fees and taxes to those of traditional rental car companies. Supporting this bill would level the playing field to ensure space for various business models while also preventing lost revenue for cities, counties and the state.

For the reasons stated above, we at Travel Portland request your support for HB3001.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Miller" clearly legible.

Jeff Miller
President & CEO
Travel Portland