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The presence or absence of autonomous vehicles (in particular taxi services) is something likely to have a transformative effect (whether it's negative or positive!) on the cities they are deployed in. This should 1000% be up to individual cities to decide if they want to allow or not. This is clearly a question for municipal jurisdictions and the state needs to stop pre-empting them just to play nice with wealthy business owners.

Portland saw a huge drop in bus ridership when it allowed rideshare companies to begin operating in the city, and individual cities need to be able to take data and impact studies they've had and use them to drive decisions like this.

Thank you,
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