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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would amend Ordinance 19700 to authorize background checks through the Washington State Patrol (WSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) when considering an application for an Enhanced Regional For-Hire Driver Licenses.

Ordinance 19700, adopted in November 2023, established the new Enhanced For-Hire Driver's License, effective September 1, 2024. However, Ordinance 19700 did not include sufficient authorization for fingerprint-based criminal background checks to be processed through the FBI. This proposed Ordinance is intended to provide the authority required by the FBI. If adopted, the regulation would be submitted to the WSP and FBI for their approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please contact Sean Bouffiou, Administrative Services Manager, Records and Licensing Services Division at 206-263-2875.

Sincerely,

for

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