

**SB 2149 – Testimony by Dustin Gawrylow (Lobbyist #266) North Dakota Watchdog Network**

There is a need to level the playing field between rideshare services, and traditional taxi services.

However, the legislature must ensure that any power to levy taxes and fees against rideshare companies, or individual riders must be done equitably.

As a recent incident in Rapid City shows, a late payment of a mere \$1,500 can cause local governmental entities to demand these services cut off both drivers and passengers.

Any system allowed by the legislature for airport authorities must be fair and make sense for everyone.

Agreements should be fair and long term to ensure continuity for drivers relying on income, and for passengers relying on the rides.

We urge the House to fine-tune this bill and close the open-ended nature of this current approach.