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COMPTROLLER SEAN SCANLON RELEASES REPORT ON SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGES FACING RIDESHARE DRIVERS IN CT

(HARTFORD, CT) – Comptroller Sean Scanlon today released a report analyzing the impact of rideshare companies, like Uber and Lyft, on Connecticut's state benefit programs. The publication went further to suggest policy solutions to ensure fair pay and essential benefits for drivers while also maintaining the rideshare industry in the state.

"Rideshare companies have a significant role in Connecticut's transportation landscape, but they also play a significant role in the lives and budgets of the thousands of drivers working for them each day," **said Comptroller Scanlon.** "Like other workers in Connecticut, though, it is only right that these drivers have access to things like paid sick leave, affordable healthcare, and workers compensation. It is important that we, as a state, work with rideshare companies to find consensus on how we can best support their industry and their workforce."

The recommendations put forth in the report are modeled after <u>Massachusetts'</u> recent agreement with TNCs to allow drivers to accumulate sick leave, provide stipends for healthcare, improve data transparency, and more.

Comptroller Scanlon's recommendations include:

- Requiring rideshare services notify drivers of their eligibility to participate in CT Paid Leave through opting into contributions.
- Providing paid sick leave for rideshare drivers.
- Requiring rideshare companies to provide healthcare stipends to drivers engaged with the platform for a certain time threshold each quarter.
- Setting a minimum hourly earnings rate or other pay standard that rideshare companies must pay drivers.
- Requiring rideshare companies provide occupational accident insurance to assist drivers with medical bills and lost income in the event of a work-related injury.

• Requiring rideshare companies provide drivers with destination information and estimated earning prior to accepting a ride.

The report's analysis was conducted thanks to the help of several agencies and organizations, including the Connecticut Department of Labor, Connecticut Department of Revenue Services, Connecticut Office of the State Treasurer, Workers' Compensation Commission and National Council on Compensation Insurance.

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