NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission
33 Beaver Street
New York, NY 10004

Dear Commissioners,

New York City is facing a climate emergency, with the health impacts of harmful traffic emissions taking more than 1,400 lives every year. As a New Yorker who cares about protecting our city’s environment and creating green jobs, I’m against the TLC’s proposal to eliminate the BEV exemption to the for-hire vehicle license cap and ask that the Commission VOTE NO on this rule change on June 22.

If this rule change passes, it will prevent our city’s progress towards electrification, ensuring that gas-guzzling cars continue to dominate and public health continues to suffer. Two years after the EV exemption was originally passed, less than 0.5% of New York City’s more than 100,000 FHVs are electric. This just isn’t good enough.  New York City can’t afford to lose any more time in the battle against climate change, and companies like Revel are ready to help now with an all-electric fleet.

Revel is also creating 170 green jobs, giving TLC drivers the option to choose a company that will guarantee them a stable wage and benefits. This is an opportunity that your drivers deserve and that they need. For the good of TLC drivers, New Yorkers, and our city’s future, please vote NO on this proposed rule.

Best,

Richard Khuzami

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