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Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2763, act to amend Section 5431 of the Public Utilities Code - ***Request for Signature***

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I respectfully request your signature on AB 2763, which revises the current definition of a personal vehicle to include leased or rented vehicles, allowing individuals who do not own a car to drive for Transportation Network Companies (TNC) like Lyft or Uber.

AB 2763 clarifies the definition of a personal vehicle under Section 5431 of the Public Utilities Code to include leased or rented vehicles, allowing individuals who do not own a car to participate in ridesharing services.

This bill helps ensure that both the transportation and economic opportunities created by ridesharing are available to all communities. Many low-income Californians would like to drive for a TNC platform, but do not own a qualifying vehicle. These individuals may not be able to purchase or enter into a long-term lease, but could benefit from being able to use short-term rentals at affordable rates to earn extra income. AB 2763 allows drivers who cannot or do not want to own cars permanently a way to still earn income in the sharing economy.

Short-term rentals for TNC drivers also represent a promising way to familiarize drivers with electric vehicles (EVs). Rental companies like Evercar are doing just this, leveraging the growth of TNCs to get more EVs on the road. AB 2763 thus helps reduce criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions, ensuring that the public health benefits of clean vehicles are made more broadly available to all.

In summary, AB 2763 supports the expansion of clean transportation and economic opportunity by making car ownership less necessary, encouraging use of clean vehicles, and expanding economic opportunity. For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on AB 2763.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin Parent". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colin Parent, Policy Counsel, Circulate San Diego

cc: Camille Wagner, Legislative Affairs Secretary
Michael Martinez, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary
Assemblymember Mike Gatto