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Reference: 287901

Dear Mayor Basran, Mayor Milsom, Mayor Fortin, Mayor Baker, Chief Lindley and
Chair Given,

Re: Ride-hailing

Thank you for your letter regarding licensing requirements for drivers of ride-hailing and taxi companies. I appreciated the opportunity to review your comments, and I am sorry it has taken me so long to reply.

We have consulted with law enforcement, industry associations and other stakeholders to make sure we get ride-hailing right so that British Columbians have more choices to travel safely and conveniently.

The ministry's top priority is to make sure passengers getting into a regulated vehicle are safe. A Class 4 licence requires drivers to have a good driving record and better knowledge of their vehicle, as well as be medically fit and have their driving skills and knowledge formally evaluated. The equivalent of a Class 4 licence is currently required by ride-hailing drivers in Alberta.

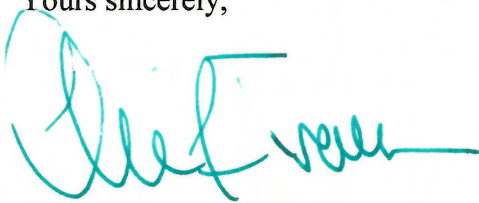
There are currently more than 160,000 people in B.C. who already hold a commercial driver's licence. The provincial government has prepared for and continues to monitor the demand for additional Class 4 driver testing. ICBC has hired more driver examiners and if demand increases, ICBC will increase the number of available road test appointments.

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Should you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Steven Haywood, Executive Lead, Taxi Modernization and Ride Hailing. He can be reached at 604 220-7176 or at Steven.Haywood@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to hear from you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claire Trevena', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Claire Trevena
Minister

Copy to: Premier John Horgan

Steven Haywood, Executive Lead
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