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The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the  
District of Columbia  
605 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Akaka.

In May of this year, the District of Columbia taxicab system's fare structure changed from a zone-based system to a meter-based one. Since that time, I have heard from several Maryland residents who are members of the D.C. Professional Taxicab Drivers Association (DCPTA).

These drivers had opposed the switch to meters, and they now believe that the process through which the new time-and-distance based fare rates were established was flawed and that the new rates and other recently-established procedures are causing them severe economic harm. DCPTDA has submitted the attached list of questions, which they are asking Congress to investigate through its oversight authority of the District of Columbia.

On behalf of my affected constituents, I am requesting that your subcommittee's staff investigate these matters.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

  
Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator

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