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As Uber Hosts 'Discussion' on Innovation, New Report Raises Questions About Ridesharing Safety

ROCKVILLE, Md.— A day after Uber held a much-hyped “discussion” on innovation with a potential 2016 presidential candidate at the company’s Washington, DC office, a [new report](#) points to dangerous loopholes contained within the fine print of ridesharing companies’ “terms and conditions.”

The day after Sen. Marco Rubio, a leading potential contender in 2016, appeared at Uber’s office, the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA) issued a new report, *“Dangerous Details in the Fine Print: How Uber, Lyft and Sidecar Are Shifting Risk and Avoiding Responsibility.”* The report raises concerns about so-called ridesharing companies’ terms and conditions and how they shift all of the risk of their services onto the backs of drivers and passengers. The report points out that:

- **Passengers waive their rights** in case of an accident in the fine print of these service contracts. For example, Uber’s contract terms and conditions state that it “has no responsibility or liability for any transportation services provided to you” when passengers use their app.
- These apps are akin to booking a ticket on an airline that doesn’t follow FAA regulations. Without regulation, a **passenger cannot reasonably be assured** of proper maintenance and adequate insurance coverage.
- Unregulated “ridesharing” companies **lack** driver training, **lack** full-time commercial auto liability insurance, **lack** police-conducted driver background checks, **lack** drug testing, and **lack** regulation to protect the public from overcharging and to ensure service to people with disabilities.

“I’m all for a discussion on transportation innovation, but that discussion must also include how we protect the safety of passengers and hold transportation companies accountable,” said Robert Werth, President of the TLPA. “Uber is nowhere near the level of scrutiny and responsibility that the for-hire transportation industry demands. That has to change, or people will continue to get hurt. Injured passengers will be left with nothing but a waiver they signed, while innocent bystanders will be given the run-around by companies saying they take no responsibility for the actions of their drivers. That’s cynical at best, criminal at worst, and it has to stop.”

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‘Who’s Driving You?’ is a public safety campaign designed to educate the public about the dangers of unregulated transportation services. It is an initiative of the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association, an international non-profit trade association whose membership consists of 1,100 regulated transportation companies. For more information, visit www.WhosDrivingYou.org, follow us on Twitter (@WhosDrivingYou) and follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/WhosDrivingYou](https://www.facebook.com/WhosDrivingYou))

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