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Dear Chairman Eldridge and Chairman Michlewitz,

Joseph D. Early, Jr.
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I write on behalf of the Massachusetts District Attorneys to support House bill 3351, An Act Establishing Department of Public Utilities Oversight of Transportation Network Companies, but with one amendment - fingerprinting. The District Attorneys are concerned about the lack of regulations and oversight of so called transportation network companies (TNC), such as Uber and Lyft. As the popularity of these TNCs increases, so does the risk to the customer utilizing their services.

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Public safety mandates that drivers for these companies pass a stringent screening process which includes fingerprinting and a review of not only Massachusetts Criminal Offender Record Information, but also out of state records. It is incumbent upon the government to protect innocent passengers from becoming victims in this quickly growing industry of TNCs.

Thomas M. Quinn III
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If you have any questions or concerns, kindly do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Capeless", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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