



Internet Association

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The Honorable Pat Quinn
Governor of Illinois
James R. Thompson Center
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Chicago, IL 60601

Governor Quinn,

As the unified voice of the Internet economy, we urge you to sign Illinois Senate Bill 2774 into law.

The Internet Association is dedicated to advancing public policy solutions that strengthen and protect Internet freedom, foster innovation and economic growth, and empower users. We represent the interests and shared fundamental values and principles of nearly 30 companies that make up the backbone of the Internet economy, including Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar.

Ridesharing was virtually non-existent just a few years ago. In this short amount of time, innovative services like Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar have transformed the way the people of Illinois move around their communities. They provide citizens choice in transportation, and voters now depend on ridesharing platforms to connect them to safe and reliable transportation. Thus, it is essential that Illinois laws and regulations welcome these services as part of the state's transportation infrastructure.

The rise in technology has led to the evolution of the global economy. Companies that have been leaders in the innovation economy have shown that utilization of existing assets can allow for individuals to add to their own personal economy. Ridesharing in particular allows for people not only to earn income on their own flexible schedules by partnering with the existing platforms, but to also choose a level of service that fits their individual needs.

Everything we know about technology is constantly changing. As such, modern regulations need to account for technology's evolving nature. By adopting the progressive ridesharing regulations set forth by the Illinois General Assembly, you will lead Illinois into the future.

Governor Quinn, this measure has the potential to make Illinois a distinguished leader in innovation and technology today and in the future. We urge you to welcome innovative services to Illinois by signing SB 2774 into law.

Sincerely,

Michael Beckerman
President and CEO