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The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor of California  
C/O State Capitol Suite 1173  
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Dear Governor Brown,

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has had great success since our founding in 1980 in reducing the number of drunk driving fatalities. Unfortunately, we still have a long way to go. In 2012 over 10,000 people were killed due to a drunk driver. This accounts for almost one-third of all traffic deaths.

While the best way to stop drunk driving is to couple strong drunk driving laws with strong DUI enforcement and educating the public on the consequences of breaking these laws, it is also important for those over the age of 21 to have a safe ride should they go out to consume alcoholic beverages. To that end, MADD supports new ridesharing platforms like Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar as well as traditional taxi services that are enabling more options to provide safe rides in communities across the country.

I have been told that California is considering two pieces of legislation, AB2293 and AB 612, which could have dramatic consequences for the future of rideshare programs. As you may know, drivers participating in these rideshare platforms are protected by a \$100,000 insurance policy as soon as they turn on the rideshare app. AB2293 would require a massive increase in insurance even when the rideshare drivers are not participating in the program and are in effect driving as private citizens. Such an increase in insurance costs could stifle a new industry and have the unintended consequence of raising rates which these rideshare services must charge.

Furthermore, I am told that AB612 would bypass the California Public Utility Commission and create new regulations which would be burdensome to this new technology.

For these reasons, MADD opposes AB2293 or AB 612 and I urge you to take the issue of drunk driving into consideration should you consider either bill.

Thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.T. Griffin", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

J.T. Griffin

Chief Government Affairs Officer, MADD

CC:

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