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New Documentary Film Debunks Key Uber Myths

*Lawyer battling Uber over child's death says:
'If this were Exxon, people would be up in arms'*

(ROCKVILLE, Maryland)—The Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA) has released an original documentary film debunking some of the key myths that Uber perpetuates in order to profit from illegal for-hire transportation services that put communities and consumers at risk.

The 10-minute documentary film, which can be viewed [here](#) and via the link below, takes direct aim at key falsehoods that Uber and other so-called “ridesharing” services employ to deceive communities, elected political officials, passengers and drivers.

The documentary, created as part of the TLPA’s ‘Who’s Driving You?’ campaign aimed at educating the public about the dangers of so-called “ridesharing,” features interviews with:

- San Francisco attorney Christopher Dolan, who is representing the family of the six-year-old child, Sofia Liu, killed by an uberX driver;
- Birmingham, Alabama Councilwoman Kim Rafferty, who has seen Uber try to force its way onto her city’s streets;
- Noted transportation expert Ray Mundy, Director of the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Missouri—St. Louis, who calls attention to Uber’s deceptive practices.
- Illinois State Representative Mike Zalewski, who highlights the need to regulate companies like Uber for safety reasons.
- Robert Passmore, Senior Director of the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, who points out the dangerous insurance gaps for drivers and passengers.

“Anyone who is a city leader and is responsible for the safety of their citizens must absolutely watch this film about Uber,” said Dave Sutton, spokesperson for ‘Who’s Driving You?’ “Any individual who is making a decision to become a passenger or a driver for Uber should do the same. This film focuses on the deceptions that Uber continues to promote in order to avoid responsibility, which puts people at risk, but makes piles of money for the company in the process.”

Documentary Excerpts Include:

“This whole business is just a tragedy waiting to happen, but they want to be exempt because they’re special—they are technology—so they shouldn’t have to follow the rules.”—Christopher Dolan

“What they have done is externalized all the costs of their operations—so what they do is rake cash. If this were Exxon, people would be up in arms—but it’s a cute little phone app so people are not looking at it in the same way as corporate responsibility.”—Christopher Dolan

“When Uber came to the city of Birmingham they actually pretty much told us they wanted no part of the transportation code. They felt...they should be allowed to operate however they want with no regulatory oversight, government oversight whatsoever—that also includes no business license, and no paying tax on their income revenue. And we found that to be quite disturbing.”—Kim Rafferty

“uberX and Lyft attempt to be ‘ridesharing’ companies but it’s simply smoke and mirrors to help sell their way into communities by saying they’re something different than a taxicab or a sedan or a limousine so that they can avoid any regulations.”—Ray Mundy

“If you were to ask the average personal auto policy holder if they thought that they should pay a little more on their auto insurance to subsidize the activities of a ridesharing driver or these companies most of them would say ‘no’ and that’s why it’s important that people who are going to engage in these activities and these companies have insurance that specifically applies to these activities for the entire time that they are making themselves available for them.”—Robert Passmore

To view the full documentary, go online to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XT8Kv7Et0OI&list=UU0rzaB5g4gwo--j8KTEajfg>

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

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