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The Honorable Vincent Gray
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mayor Gray:

We are here today at your office to protest the city's decision to tow and impound taxis belonging to drivers who have not yet installed the new dome lights. We are outraged that this is happening in light of the lack of communication between the D.C. Taxicab Commission and drivers, and the confusion that has resulted due to this lack of communication.

On October 30, Teamsters Local 922 President Ferline Buie sent you a letter requesting a moratorium on driver fines and other relief, but she still has not heard back from you.

So, we are compelled to come to your office today to once again request the following:

- An immediate halt to driver fines and taxicab impoundment over the new regulations until a fair resolution is reached between the city and the taxi drivers.
- **A subsidy or reimbursement to compensate the taxi operators for the unfair unilaterally imposed costs associated with the new regulations.**
- The appointment of a driver recommended by the Washington, D.C. Taxi Operators Association to the current vacancy on the D.C. Taxi Commission.

The typical driver earns \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year and struggles to make ends meet in this very expensive city. Many drivers are now fearful to drive their cabs. Many drivers are trying to get the lights installed, but some vendors have run out of the lights. Also, there are major delays at most installation shops. We demand to be heard and we demand action.

Sincerely,
The Washington, D.C. Taxi Operators Association