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Dear Fellow Commissioners:

During our Spring NAIC meeting in Phoenix we approved the white paper on Transportation Network Companies (TNCs). Thank you for your support of the work of the NAIC Sharing Economy Working Group.

The [white paper](#) discusses various insurance coverage issues associated with the “ride sharing” services offered by Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar. The white paper was developed to assist regulators and legislators throughout the nation who are currently considering how best to address these insurance issues.

[Transportation Network Company Insurance Principals for Legislators and Regulators](#) outlines insurance considerations to guide state and local policymakers when adopting new laws and regulations.

Specifically, the white paper discusses the perspectives of the insurance industry, TNCs, traditional livery services like cabs and limousines, regulators, drivers, and passengers. It also recommends a range of potential state based regulatory solutions. Issues including insurance coverage gaps, coverage amounts, and types of coverage are discussed, as well as the need for consumer outreach and education regarding these new transportation services.

I encourage you to share this white paper with stakeholders and state legislators in your state, as you deem appropriate. Over 35 states have pending legislation dealing with the issue of how best to ensure that TNC drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers are covered when there is an accident with a TNC driver. Each state will craft an approach that works for its market. This is an area where insurance regulators and policymakers in each state can work together to ensure that consumers are protected.

Please feel free to contact me or Deputy Commissioner Chris Shultz at Chris.Shultz@insurance.ca.gov or (916) 492-3589 if you or your staff have specific questions about the issues discussed in the white paper.

Thank you for your leadership with regard to insurance regulatory and market issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Jones".

DAVE JONES

California Insurance Commissioner