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October 16, 2019

The Honorable Chris Smith
United States House of Representatives
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Smith:

The National Federation of the Blind supports Sami's Law (H.R. 4686). We appreciate your willingness to listen to our concerns and adjust the bill accordingly. The bill addresses all of our accessibility concerns in the following manners: providing a nonvisually accessible alternative (in this case a personal authentication number) to finding and scanning a QR code sticker; ensuring that the notification from a scanned QR code or correctly input personal authentication number creates a nonvisual ride confirmation; and, ensuring that all aspects of the transportation network company platforms are nonvisually accessible.

We believe incorporating these aspects into Sami's Law will ensure that the intended goal of the bill, to create a safe, effective, and efficient ride confirmation system for both passengers and drivers in a transportation network company transaction, will be achievable for all users, especially blind users. We commend this bill that honors Samantha Josephson and contributes significantly to increasing the safety of ride sharing for everyone. We are happy to lend our advocacy support to this cause.

If there is anything more that the National Federation of the Blind can do to help pass Sami's Law, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Riccobono, President
National Federation of the Blind