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The Honorable Richard Proehl
Kansas House of Representatives
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: HB 2379, a bill related to peer-to-peer car sharing

Dear Chairman Proehl:

On behalf of TechNet, I am writing today in **support** of **HB 2379**, a bill related to peer-to-peer car sharing. TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. Our diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents over three million employees and countless customers in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, cybersecurity, venture capital, and finance.

HB 2379 is a consensus model from the National Council of Insurance Legislators (or NCOIL) to provide a uniform, responsible, and appropriate insurance regulatory framework for the peer-to-peer car sharing industry. The model law was developed and agreed upon through extensive stakeholder participation and ensures there are robust and uniform measures for consumer safety, transparent pricing, and insurance coverage. The model law allows states the flexibility to add state-specific language to fit their current statutes. To date, 11 states have passed legislation closely tracking the NCOIL model act. In 2020, despite COVID-truncated sessions, over 30 other state legislatures considered the Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Model Act; and, in 2021, more than 20 states have already picked back up their efforts to adopt this measure.

Peer-to-peer car sharing is a convenient way of connecting people wishing to utilize an Internet platform to safely and securely share their personal vehicle when it otherwise may sit idle, all while earning a passive income on one of their largest assets. These platforms also create convenient, affordable, and environmentally friendly on-demand access to vehicles for those who do not own cars, or for whom car ownership is cost prohibitive.

We greatly appreciate Kansas' continued support of the peer-to-peer car sharing industry and your investment in the innovation economy. If you have any questions regarding TechNet's support to HB 2379, please do not hesitate to contact me at 630-400-3439 or tdiers@technet.org.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Representatives Delperdang and Helgerson