



March 10, 2016

Mayor Lovely Warren
City Hall
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14614

Dear Mayor Warren,

In light of recent comments by your office regarding accessible transportation, we urge you to reconsider your support for Uber and join our push for 100% wheelchair accessibility for Uber and other for-hire vehicle companies.

Uber has more than 30,000 vehicles in New York City but none are wheelchair accessible. The company has sought to expand into Rochester and across upstate New York, but it has made no commitments to serving wheelchair users.

As we have said many times, Uber and other for-hire vehicle companies should not be allowed to expand statewide until they require all of their vehicles to be wheelchair-accessible.

We were disappointed by your decision last November to endorse Uber's expansion plan. However, we were encouraged by comments from your office earlier this week, which noted that you would support provisions to expand Uber's accessibility.

We appreciate your willingness to consider our perspective on this issue, which is something Uber has never done. You now have an important opportunity to join our effort and support the disability community in Rochester and across the state.

Given your interest in promoting accessibility, we urge you to reconsider your support for Uber's push to expand into Rochester. We also urge you to tell Uber that you will not support its expansion until the company requires all of its vehicles to be wheelchair-accessible.

It is our hope that you will take this opportunity to champion disability rights in Rochester and promote wheelchair-accessible transportation. Additionally, we hope you will consider meeting with us to discuss this issue further.

We look forward to your response and hope to speak with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Darling".

Bruce Darling, CEO
Center for Disability Rights

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Weisman".

James Weisman, President & CEO
United Spinal Association