

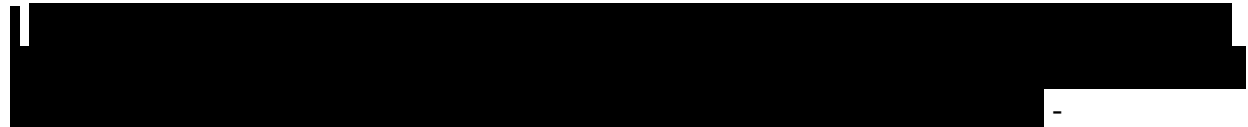
To: Chair and Members, Community and Protective Services Committee
From: Zeresenai Ghebre, 30+ Year Taxi Driver in London, ON
Subject: Temporary Vehicle Age Extension
Date: September 12, 2023

I'm currently operating a 2013 gas-powered taxi vehicle that is expected to be removed from the road next month based on the current vehicle age limit requirements. I've spent the last couple of months looking for a replacement vehicle, but due to the current vehicle shortage, this task has been difficult. In my 30+ years of driving a taxi, I don't recall a scenario where you had to wait 6 months for a new vehicle or engage in price wars to obtain a used vehicle. The current vehicle shortage supply is impacting me and others in the taxi industry, so I ask if you would consider temporarily extending the age of all vehicles until the vehicle supply shortage is addressed.

Thanks,
Zeresenai Ghebre



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