

Position Statement on AB 143 and SB 106

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Access to accessible affordable transportation is vital to the independence of people with disabilities and their ability to maintain employment and be full partners in the community.

A strong transportation network is essential as the need for transportation exceeds the providers available, especially for wheelchair accessible service. Although we value the opportunity to expand available transportation options. Disability Rights Wisconsin has some concerns regarding [AB 143](#) and [SB 106](#), two bills recently introduced regarding Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), and their potential impact on people with disabilities.

DRW's concerns include:

- the absence of a requirement and subsequent enforcement that the app and service must be accessible to people with disabilities, including those using wheelchairs,
- the potential for discrimination that is expressly prohibited by current taxi regulations,
- safety of and protections for consumers and other community citizens related to background checks, driving training, and liability limits,
- the absence of local control in regulating these companies,
- the speed at which these bills are moving.

We urge a go slow approach in moving forward with these proposals.

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