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Subject: Illegal vehicles on city streets

April 6th, 2017

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Dear Mr. King,

I just received a letter from the UTC informing me of an opportunity to file a written comment. In it, there are many amendments that I can respond to including CR-101 or WAC 480-30 or the file CR-101 under Docket TC-161262 and so forth.

The bottom line as far as I and many others in my industry are concerned if the UTC really cared anything at all about the safety of the citizens of Seattle and those who visit our fair city, why are Ride The Ducks vehicles still permitted on the street? I don't think I have to go in to the safety history of these vehicles. We all know that including the over 400 UTC violations they were sited with after the Aurora bridge fatalities and their numerous accidents. Our question is, why are these totally illegal and dangerous vehicles permitted on the street? They don't have the bare minimum of legal requirements as far as bumpers or seat belts. If they would have had bumpers as all other vehicles are required to have as is defined in WAC 204-10-022 and if you the UTC would have enforced that requirement, those five students would be alive today. Instead, they have a cast iron battering ram where the bumper should be and you allow that. **You allow that.** Why? I have a commercial vehicle and need to follow to the letter all of your requirements some of which are pretty silly. Why aren't the Ducks? Why after a man on a motorcycle was dragged half a block by a Duck prior to the Aurora crash didn't someone at UTC see the danger? If they would have, the Ducks would have either been outlawed or required to have bumpers. If the UTC would have acted then as they should have, the five students would not have been killed. Instead, you're concerned about the removal of the service animal requirement from WAC 480-30-350. Ask the grieving families of the dead students if WAC 480-30-450 is important to them. Answer to them instead why you the UTC allow the Ducks to operate illegally on the street. But wait. The tragedy didn't happen to you or your precious loved ones so there is no urgency. What a relief. In fact, it happened to some Asian families who can't even file a lawsuit in America against the Ducks. You can go on with business as usual that is to say the removal of the service animal requirement from WAC 480---. Another tough day at the office huh?

There have been other Duck accidents since the tragedy on Aurora and there will be more for these “party on wheels”. Answer me this: Why are these dangerous, illegal vehicles permitted on the streets?

Sincerely,

Charles Mickelson
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