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Dear Community Partner:

It has come to my attention that UBER is reaching out to settlement service provider partners and asking if they can rent a meeting space and encouraging you to assist them in getting UberX drivers.

Uber operates as a Transportation Network Company in Canada competing with licensed taxi cab operators.

Uber operates outside provincial and municipal laws. They are a company that operates cars that pretend to be taxis. They are reaching out to unsuspecting new immigrants and offering them work using their own vehicles to transport passengers. They require the drivers to have a valid driver's license, their own vehicle and private insurance on their cars.

Insurance companies do not cover drivers, with private vehicle insurance, if they are using their vehicle to transport people for a fee without having commercial insurance (which only cabbies have).

Uber operates outside rules, laws and regulations. Their drivers are not insured, do not possess police checks for vulnerable people and Uber does not pay federal tax (HST).

Uber are misleading drivers saying they can earn large sums of money, while not advising them that they will be breaking the law and could be charged by municipal by-law officers. UberX also does not advise prospective drivers that their vehicle insurance will not be valid if they are in an accident when they are operating as an UberX driver. This will leave the driver responsible for all damages related to the accident.

I would be delighted to provide additional information to you upon request. In the meantime, please do not allow Uber recruit UberX drivers from your clients which could cause them difficulties with the law.

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Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Karygiannis". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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