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To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 16, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2076 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to rights and obligations of transportation network company drivers and transportation network companies.”

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2076 focuses on matters specific to the driver of a Transportation Network Company and the nature of the employment relationship with the company. Section 16 exempts transportation network companies and drivers from the "common carrier" statutes. However, more work needs to be done in this sector focused on consumer protections, and Section 16 adds ambiguity without adequate additional consumer protections in place. It is critical that we respond to this concern in future legislation before putting this exemption into law. I am confident this is a matter that the legislature will address.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 16 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2076.

With the exception of Section 16, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2076 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Jay Inslee
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