16 June 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1010, “An Act To Allow for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies at Airports.”

This bill would allow a primary airport as designated by the Federal Aviation Administration that annually has at least 20,000 enplaned passengers the ability to regulate and charge fees to a transportation network company (TNC). I do not support this bill because Maine already taxes and regulates businesses far too much, which is harming our economy and driving people out of our state.

Allowing airports to create their own regulations and fees on TNCs would be burdensome and costly. Maine needs to instead focus on streamlining regulations, lowering taxes and creating an environment where Mainers can prosper. This bill takes us in the wrong direction.

For this reason, I return LD 1010 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor