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Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1181-1061 Calls on Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to Investigate Full Extent of Uber's Wage Theft

New York, NY – June 6, 2017: Yesterday, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1181-1061 sent a letter to New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, calling on him to undertake an investigation into the pay practices of Uber Technologies Inc. Two weeks ago Uber, acknowledged that it had underpaid drivers in New York City by tens of millions of dollars. Over 16,000 for-hire vehicle drivers in New York City have signed union cards to join ATU Local 1181-1061.

“Uber has time and time again demonstrated complete disregard for the welfare of its drivers,” said **Michael Cordiello, President of ATU Local 1181-1061**, in a letter to Attorney General Schneiderman. “Individual complaints by drivers regarding underpayment of wages, theft of wages and incorrect payment of wages are widespread and apparently been known to Uber for several years.”

The drivers who work for these companies are constantly exploited and often struggle to make a decent living. Companies like Uber can unilaterally lower the rate of pay for drivers, “switch drivers off” without due process and oversaturate the market with more and more drivers. As these companies have become increasingly popular in New York City, they have disrupted the yellow cab industry, which had previously provided stable middle-class jobs for drivers.

“On behalf of these working men and women – and ATU members – I urge you in the strongest possible terms to immediately undertake an investigation into the pay policies and practices of Uber Technologies Inc.,” **Cordiello** added.

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About ATU Local 1181-1061

Since its inception in 1938, ATU Local 1181-1061 has been the fastest growing Local Union within the Amalgamated Transit Union. Today, ATU Local 1181-1061 is the largest transportation Local Union in the ATU. Currently, Local 1181-1061 represents more than 14,000 transit workers throughout the five boroughs of New