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"NLA and Local Associations Get Results Together"

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In Missouri...

Missouri operators recently faced new state legislation that portended the St. Louis County and St. Louis City Tax Commission would be given jurisdiction over limousines. The NLA was alerted to the problem and responded in emergency-mode by first calling Missouri Governor Blunt's chief of staff and then contacting State Senator Dolan's staff and MODOT's general counsel. The result: The Taxi Commission was not awarded the threatened jurisdiction; authority for the limousine industry remains with the Highways and Transportation Commission.

In North Carolina...

Earlier this year Steve Gillooly, president of the newly formed North Carolina Limousine Association, asked the NLA to help NCLA members optimize the organization's start-up. NLA Executive Director Fran Shane and NLA Government Affairs Director Barry Lefkowitz spent a day with the group discussing and offering counsel on a variety of topics including effective team building, strategies for fundraising, legislative programming, and the pressing issues of airport regulations and overtime wages.

In Ohio...

The Pittsburgh International Airport has imposed strict requirements and permitting costs on non-Pennsylvania limousine operators including members of the Ohio Valley Limousine Association. At OVLA's invitation, the NLA met with PIA officials in late June to negotiate more considerate treatment of their companies.

In Pennsylvania...

NLA Legislative Committee Co-Chair Jim Moseley, Shane and Lefkowitz assisted the Philadelphia Limousine Association in recent negotiations with the Philadelphia Parking Authority. The PPA had been given hold over limousines in Philadelphia and the PLA was fighting back. The NLA trio sought out Pennsylvania Speaker of the House Purzel who paved the way for meetings to be conducted with key PPA officials. Regulations were eased as a consequence, making requirements palatable for affected operators in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

In Texas...

For the past several months the NLA has been working with Joe Jordan, president of the Limousine Association of Houston, to assist his lobbying against local taxi efforts to: 1] bar limousines from the Port of Houston and 2] create a rate schedule that almost assuredly will erode the customer base of affected operators. Seeking support from lawmakers directly, Jordan made a special visit to promote the cause with members of the Texas delegation during his NLA Day on the Hill visit.

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