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Hon'ble Mayor and Councilors,

Recently deadly beating incident of Taxicab Driver Chaudhary Asif Salim(car#385) night driver of Blue Line taxi roused everybody in our taxicab industry of Hamilton and it had given a wake up call of our law makers about the life and safety of our taxicab drivers.

City of Hamilton has been deliberately procrastinating the safety element for the taxicab drivers at their job place.

The present incident of assault on taxicab driver caused serious injuries followed by heart attack. Driver is still in coma and admitted in ICU ward where he is fighting for his life. His kids are worried about the life and future of their father.

Police investigation is on underway and till such time the final police report come out, we will reserve our comments about this incident but we do believe at this moment, drivers do need safety shield for their protection and the safety of the driver can be further enhanced by the camera.

Therefore, we believe safety shields and cameras(both) should be mandatory.

On the behalf of our 677 members, We expect city would take an immediate action to make this law for implementation ASAP by 31st of December 2009.

Sincerely,

Ejaz Butt,
President,
Cab Drivers Welfare Association of Hamilton