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## READERS SPEAK

### Buyer beware of ride-sharing service

Recently I was asked why I voted against allowing Uber ride share to enter Montana during the 2015 Montana legislative session. Uber spends millions of dollars in lobbying to enter a market and then millions of dollars in fighting restrictive laws that local municipalities try to regulate the company's operations.

A new study shows that the ride service doesn't have the effect on DUIs that they claim. Assaults and rapes have occurred at the hands of drivers, despite the background checks the company performs. Riders sign away many legal rights of recourse when using the Uber App, creating a legal nightmare for the injured party.

Unlike with taxi cab, bus and other transportation companies that are closely regulated, Uber

pushes to operate with little or no oversight once they are established in an area.

I am concerned about public safety. The sponsor of the bill is now an Uber driver. How is that not a conflict of interest; was that his intent the whole time?

I hope that Montana doesn't experience the negatives; people can practice some simple procedures to stay safe.

Wait in a safe place for your Uber driver to arrive.

Make sure that you're getting picked up by the right driver and car.

Stay in touch with someone you trust.

Use the Uber driver rating system to address concerns.

Get informed before using any ride sharing service and be safe.

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