The Institute for Canadian Citizenship's Statement on Uber

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Toronto -- In light of explosive disclosures that Uber knowingly broke Canadian law, nonchalantly obstructed justice, and shamefully used immigrants and poor people as PR pawns, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) is prohibiting its employees from using Uber or other unlicensed taxi services for work purposes, effective immediately. The ICC will also be donating $1,000 to RideFairTO, a citizens' group advocating for companies like Uber to be subject to labour, tax, and transportation laws, just like everybody else.

"As an organization devoted to immigration and citizenship, we cannot in good conscience send our business to a company that exploits immigrants and disdains citizens and the governments we elect," says Daniel Bernhard, CEO of the ICC. "So many of the newcomers we serve come to Canada in hopes of leaving corruption and lawlessness behind them", says Bernhard. "To the Canadian politicians outed in the Uber Files: you chose to lick Uber's boots at the expense of immigrants, poor people, public safety and the rule of law. You betrayed Canada's foremost values of fairness and equality. Newcomers rightfully expect better, and so do we," Bernhard adds.

About the Institute for Canadian Citizenship
The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) is a national non-profit organization co-founded by The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul. The ICC works to inspire Canadians to be inclusive, create opportunities to connect, and encourage active citizenship. Since 2005, the ICC has supported more than 450,000 new Canadian citizens with programming to encourage a sense of belonging and build a more inclusive Canada.

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