

March 4, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Riley Senate Committee on Labor & Business 900 Court Street NE Salem OR 97301

## **RE: SB 317 - Internet Association Supports**

Dear Chair Riley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide comments of support for SB 317 which would allow third-party delivery of mixed drinks. Internet Association (IA) represents more than 40 of the world's leading internet companies and advances public policy solutions that foster innovation, promote economic growth, and empower people through the free and open internet.

During the Third Special Session in December 2020 IA fully supported the ability of third-party delivery of mixed-drinks with food orders. While IA believes some provisions of the bill considered were punitive to delivery network companies, the provisions are only valid during the declared emergency period.

SB 317 makes the provision of allowing delivery of mixed-drinks with food permanent. The bill also authorizes the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to adopt rules to appropriately regulate this activity. IA agrees having the OLCC adopt rules rather than put regulation in statute allows for adjustments over time to recognize best practices.

IA believes making the ability to deliver mixed-drinks with food orders permanent makes policy and economic sense. As restaurants continue to struggle during the pandemic, allowing the ability to offer mixed drinks in addition to food to customers via delivery creates certainty for businesses struggling to survive. It also creates certainty for delivery network drivers who only succeed when restaurants offer food and beverage consumers want.

For these reasons IA urges you to pass SB 317. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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