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The Honorable Representative Holvey
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2536 – TechNet Opposed

Chair Holvey, Ranking Members Elmer & Sosa, and Members of the
Committee:

I write on behalf of TechNet in opposition to HB 2536.

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents over five million employees and countless customers in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, cybersecurity, venture capital, and finance.

Third-party delivery platforms give restaurants flexibility to reach more customers through different means. This bill would bring back a statewide pandemic price control and make it permanent, dictating to restaurants what their contracts with third-party delivery platforms should look like and limiting the services they have access to. These price controls are unnecessary because all small and medium-sized restaurants in Oregon already have the option to offer delivery through third-party delivery apps. Restaurants that want to pay more to access additional services like advertising or expanded delivery range can opt into those services and pay a higher commission.

The state should not force price controls on local governments. If passed, this would be the first permanent price control at the state level in the entire country and would set a dangerous precedent for every industry. The state would be interfering with the contract between two private businesses, unfairly favoring one industry over the other and directing cities to take

action without their input. History shows that price controls do not work and are more likely to damage competition in the long run. Third-party deliveries contribute to the local economy in the state of Oregon, and this measure would have a detrimental economic impact for restaurants in the state.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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CC: Members of the House Committee on Business and Labor