



JOINT COUNCIL OF TEAMSTERS NO. 37

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**To: Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology
Attention: Co-Chair's Senator Woods and Representative Nathanson
Re: House Bill 3592**

**Dear Chair's, Woods, Nathanson and Committee Members,
This letter is to encourage your support for House Bill 3592.**

My name is Steve Konopa, and I am the principal officer of Teamsters Local Union No. 305 in Northeast Portland. I am also the statewide Legislative Director for the Teamsters Joint Council 37. I have been a life-long advocate for working people in Oregon, specifically union members that work under a collective-bargaining agreement. The Teamsters represent approximately 25,000 workers statewide, and this technology will affect the standard of living for these families, if this type of technology goes unchecked and is not monitored properly.

House Bill 3592 is an important step in the right direction to ensure safe and proper responsible guidelines to govern an ever-growing fast-paced industry. This form of legislation is needed to help stabilize the state's budget for revenue if indeed this tech legislation (in some form) continues to impact on many industries where workers could be laid off in the future, due to technology taking over. It indeed needs to be monitored and regulated with some safety net steps in place as we progress into the future of an ever-changing workforce.

We need to Protect good paying jobs that contribute to the tax base for all Oregonians and in doing so we need to be proactive and prepare for the future on all areas and by supporting HB 3592 and getting it into law is a good start in protecting all our futures, including the future workforce that will follow.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter before you.

Sincerely,

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