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Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and members of the committee,

I like meeting people and giving good service and I like driving. I like being able to work on my own schedule, and being able to spend time with my family without having to take time off. My husband is also in school and rideshare was a good fit, and allowed me to make a decent living. I am also an Ethiopian immigrant without any other family here to help support me financially. In fact, I send money back home to them, and we only have one income in our house.

And so when I suddenly got terminated by both Uber & Lyft, I was shocked and it has caused me to struggle to pay my bills. I got used to making good money, and then it was hard to replace those paychecks. Now my husband and I have racked up credit card debt, and I am still paying off my car, which is very difficult, especially with my husband still in school.

Neither Uber, nor Lyft gave me a clear explanation of why they fired me. Drivers Union has been trying to help me, but really it is the rideshare companies that should be helping. But they won't and I feel like they don't care about me.

This is why drivers need protections from unfair deactivations, and help from actual human beings. This is not fair to treat me this way. Please support Senate Bill 1166.

Thank you,

Mahilet Brihe
Uber & Lyft driver