Submitter: Pasang Sherpa

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1166

RE: SB 1166

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

I am a full-time rideshare driver. I used to make really good money and didn't have to work more hours than I needed to. I could spend time with my family and friends and I wasn't spending most of my time out there on the road. However, because Uber and Lyft have lowered my pay a lot, now I have to spend way more hours out there to make the same money, and to pay for my gas and maintenance. All of my expenses have gone up and that is why I need to be paid better as an essential worker for the driving I do.

I also have a surgery that I need to do to heal myself, but I can't get any paid medical leave for that and so I also need to be able to access those benefits as a worker just like other workers do.

Sincerely,

Pasang Sherpa Uber & Lyft driver