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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1166

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

I would ask you to support Senate Bill 1166 as it comes before the committee. We are out here, in many cases, driving hours that will keep our passengers from driving after drinking, and taking on the risks that come with that. In return for this, Uber has recently taken away one of the 2 higher-paying classes of rides my minivan was eligible for, and lowered the pay on the other. Meanwhile the costs of everything are skyrocketing.

I feel like Uber/Lyft are playing games with our livelihood, and some of us have limited options. I am disabled, and I care for my bedbound husband. While I might be able to do a few other jobs, this is the only one that I can work around caregivers and the possibility of them calling out, and doctor's appointments for both of us.

I recently had a couple of unplanned days off, due to a rider claiming I was drunk during a ride. I think the last time I had a drink was 5-6 years ago, it does not appeal to me due to a LOT of years working in bars. Uber flat-out refused to accept my dashcam footage, even after I told them I could give them a full week or more, and I didn't have to know when this complaint was made.

We need some way to refute cases like this. Uber also made sure to let me know that if another rider says this, I will be permanently deactivated. We need protections against this, as too many people know it's an easy way to get a free ride.

This is unfair to us to be considered guilty without being able to provide evidence that we are innocent.

Please support the deactivation standards and driver rights in SB 1166.

Respectfully,

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