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

Oregon rideshare drivers need fair pay, deactivation protections, and benefits because many dedicate years to providing essential transportation services, often completing tens of thousands of rides.

For example, I myself have been deactivated after nine years of dedicated service and nearly 20,000 rides for both apps (Uber & Lyft). I lost my income without clear justification. I always did my best to provide safe, reliable rides, but sometimes, standing up for safety and fairness — like telling passengers they couldn't vape or smoke in my car, refusing long food drive-through waits, or declining unreasonable offers — led to complaints. As drivers, no one listens to our side of the story. We're just cut off, left struggling to survive.

Losing my income meant I couldn't keep up with bills, eventually losing my vehicle and falling into severe financial hardship. It's been incredibly difficult trying to feed my kids and stay afloat.

This is why Oregon rideshare drivers desperately need fair pay, deactivation protections, and benefits — so no one else has to endure what I've been through. Please pass SB 1166.

Thank you for your time,

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