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On Behalf Of: IAM District W24
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1166

Chairperson, Representatives, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 1166 (SB1166), which would extend essential labor protections to Ride-Share drivers—workers who deserve the same rights and standards as all other workers in Oregon.

SB1166 seeks to establish minimum compensation standards, ensure access to paid sick leave, enforce workplace safety protections, and increase transparency for both drivers and passengers. These are not privileges—they are basic rights that every Oregon worker should have.

Ride-Share drivers, like those working for Uber and Lyft, are no different from other workers in our state. They work hard, pay taxes, vote, and contribute to the communities they live in. Yet, they have been excluded from protections that most Oregon workers take for granted. It's time we correct that. The fact that Ride-Share work is part of a newer, app-based economy should not disqualify these workers from the labor standards and protections that have long been considered fundamental in Oregon.

IAM District W24 proudly stands in solidarity with all workers fighting for fair treatment. We urge this Committee to do the same. The opposition from large corporations should only underscore the need for this legislation. When powerful entities resist fairness, it is a signal that working people need your support more than ever.

Please vote yes on SB1166. Let's ensure that every worker in Oregon—regardless of industry—has the protections, respect, and dignity they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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