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On Behalf Of:

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

I have been a rideshare and delivery driver in Oregon for the past five years. I drive for Uber, Lyft, Uber Eats, Grubhub, and DoorDash as a second job, but over time, I have seen the pay for this work go from something livable to something laughable.

The current pay structure forces drivers to chase after incentives that rarely come. We are expected to accept trips that barely cover the cost of gas, let alone vehicle maintenance, insurance, and personal living expenses. Working 30-minute jobs for \$5.00 is simply not sustainable.

To make ends meet, I often drive 2.5 hours from Southern Oregon to Eugene because there are more riders, but that shouldn't be necessary. On top of that, drivers in Washington are getting paid significantly more to do the exact same work we are doing down here. Why should drivers in Southern Oregon be left behind? Rideshare and delivery drivers are essential workers, keeping Oregon moving, yet we lack fair wages and basic protections.

I urge you to support legislation that ensures fair pay and protections for drivers. We need a livable wage, transparent pricing, and protections against unfair deactivations. Without these changes, many of us will be forced out of this work, leaving communities underserved.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Peter Nguyen  
Uber, Lyft driver