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

Uber x overcharges the customers by large margins, depending on traffic and availability, while the driver just gets paid per mileage, regardless of the time it takes per trip. For instance, today I had a 15 minute trip from the airport and the customer was angry at the price he was charged. He paid \$42, I got \$17 (by a miracle).

Our pay cuts were so severe, that we resort to working more than 10 hours per day. During winter, when it's slow, my stress levels exceed the normal amount as an average person at work. Uber also forces us to work during high traffic times, and neglects your trips during the day, so you work after 4/5 pm.

The new thing is that the app asks you to go to top deck at the airport, makes you wait, and then asks you to leave the terminal, costing you the cue in line for trips. (The airport cue should be monitored by a government agency.)

It's a constant effort by Uber to eliminate our earnings and work for less than minimum wage. I rent my car and have a weekly lease close to 400\$. Other Uber drivers can make ok money due to driving a Tesla or a van, but they can also turn on the Uber x feature, leaving very little work for just the Uber x driver. We have lost about 65% of our income in the last two years, and with today's economy, I'm afraid that Uber will exploit the drivers with different forms of punishment, and also overcharging certain customers, with a political bias, as have been my observations.

In just 2 years I have close to 9,000 trips, as opposed to veteran drivers who worked 12 years and have 12,000 trips, but some drivers might have more.

Please pass this bill, it's the right thing to do.

Thank you,

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Uber Driver