

April 24, 2025

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and members of the Senate Rules Committee,

We are writing you today united as a coalition of community, labor, health, faith, transit, environmental, and social justice advocates. We are advocating for fairness and equity for some of Oregon's essential transportation workers: rideshare drivers for transportation network companies like Uber and Lyft.

All Oregon workers deserve basic rights. These rights include fair pay standards, access to benefits, protection from discrimination and mistreatment, and a voice on the job.

But companies like Uber and Lyft have been operating in Oregon for years, and rideshare drivers have been left out of virtually all protections afforded to the many other workers in our state. The large, diverse community of drivers has been advocating for these rights all along, and has seen successful action in other states to bring drivers a measure of legal protection and workers rights. We are thrilled to see the Oregon legislature listening and considering similar action.

We ask that you support Senate Bill 1166 as an important step toward fairness and equity. As community organizations, as rideshare customers, and as fellow working Oregonians, we want to live in a state that stands up for working people. SB 1166 is an opportunity to include the drivers whose work we all rely on in the fairness and dignity other Oregon workers enjoy.

Thank you,

Fair Rides Oregon Coalition

Annor Islamic Center
Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation
Bienestar de la Familia
Black Joy Oregon
Boise Neighborhood Association
Center for African Health and Education
Drivers Union OR
Driving Justice
Foster-Powell Neighborhood Association

Greater Good NW
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Kabul Oregon Association
Meals on Us PDX
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Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
Northwest Somali Community Organization
Oregon and SW Washington African CDC
Oregon Center for Public Policy
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Health Equity Alliance
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)
Portland Association of Teachers
Reimagine Oregon
Rogue Action Center
Rural Organizing Project
SEIU Local 503
Somali Cultural Museum of Oregon
Somali Oregon Service Center
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