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

I worked with Lyft for about a year and one of my customers demanded that I pay to take them to a strip club. When I refused, my account was deactivated and I did not earn any income for over a month, because I refuse to take my customer to a strip club.

I sued Lyft for fraud and breach of contract over two and a half years and I spent thousands of dollars retaining legal counsel, which I needed in order to sue them. I won damages in my fraud case against Lyft in 2023 in Multnomah County court, however they upheld the deactivation because this is what they use to prove that their platform is "safe" — driver deactivation is their bread and butter, it's what they use to prove that they exist and deserve to earn a profit on our labor.

Lyft does not care about labor laws or labor rights, Lyft does not care about the rule of law, they are incompetent for labor rights and they should not be responsible for the responsibility of people's ability to earn a living. Due to fraudulent negligence they should not be responsible for the accounts that people need in order to earn a living and continue to earn a living.

Please pass Senate Bill 1166.

Respectfully,
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