

My name is Randolph Marsh and I drive public rideshare in the Portland Oregon/SW Washington market.

I have been driving rideshare the last year and a half after losing my restaurant due to the long term financial impact of COVID.

Even though I have only been driving rideshare a short time compared to some- I have close to 4500 rides given between Uber and Lyft.

I actually live in Vancouver Washington, but I spend the majority of my time driving rideshare in Portland and the surrounding metro areas. I would like to be able to drive primarily in the Vancouver WA area - but that is simply not possible. Why is that you ask? Let me tell you why- Washington rates are almost double that of Oregon rates.

Oregon is .73 cents a mile and .25 a minute whereas WA is \$1.36 a mile and .39 a minute. So this is what happens- drivers that live in Portland - drive into WA to work.

I met a driver recently named David that drives to Vancouver from Salem everyday to work because he wants the WA rate. The WA sick pay. With too many drivers congregating in SW WA - that means fewer rides for those of us that live here.

It also leaves Portland underserved.

With fewer drivers in Portland and a high demand for rides during rush hour, this causes the apps to initiate "surge" pricing - which in brutal irony, causes the citizens of Portland to actually pay more anyways.

A pay rate equal to that of WA State would put an end to drivers flooding into WA to drive and would evenly distribute drivers across the entire region.

This is a win/win bill. The bill pays us the drivers what we deserve and also will help get the citizens of Portland where they need to go without long wait times.

Invest in us. Invest in us, for we are the people that move the people of Portland.

I have no data to back this up - but I'd wager that the amount of rideshare drivers in Portland far outnumber the combined amount of all the City of Portland transportation employees combined.

There are many issues with the rideshare companies that need to be addressed but FAIR and EQUAL Pay for all drivers, and protections from unfair deactivations is the right thing to do right now.

Invest in us as we are people who move Portland.

Thank You

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