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➡ Robotaxis **kill jobs**
➡ Robotaxis are **unfair and discriminatory**
➡ Robotaxis are **unpopular and unnecessary**

We call on lawmakers to use common sense:

- ✓ Vote **NO** on industry-backed bill HB 4085
- ✓ Support requirements for human safety operators in all vehicles in Oregon
- ✓ Avoid permitting experimental robotaxis and autonomous vehicles on our roads

Signed by:

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Robotaxis are unsafe. Experimental vehicles permitted elsewhere behave erratically and cause widespread problems, from striking pedestrians and animals to repeatedly interfering with emergency vehicle responses. Software glitches trap passengers in vehicles and cause gridlock during power outages. Vehicles fail to recognize crosswalks and road barriers. These dangers are apparent to regulators: Waymo, Tesla, and Cruise have together recalled hundreds of thousands of vehicles for safety issues. Waymo is currently under both NHTSA and NTSB investigation for their robotaxis' behavior around elementary schools, including striking a child near a California school and illegally passing school buses in Austin. *We can say **NO** to dangerous robotaxis here in Oregon.*

Robotaxis kill jobs. Tens of thousands of working-class Oregonians provide professional transportation services, including the top target of the robotaxi industry: rideshare and taxi drivers. Rideshare drivers have been calling for worker rights in Oregon—things like a minimum wage, paid sick time, and protection from unjust termination. This majority immigrant, BIPOC, and low-wage workforce supports families on rideshare income, and replacing jobs with robots upends Oregon's longtime commitment to working families and workers rights. *We can say **NO** to job-killing robotaxis in Oregon.*

Robotaxis are unfair and discriminatory. Research shows the technology behind autonomous vehicles is subject to the same racial and other biases that plague other software built to detect humans. This software performs more poorly identifying pedestrians with darker skin, and is worse at identifying children than adult pedestrians—a serious concern given their track record near schools and school buses. Putting certain categories of people at higher risk for safety incidents based on their age or the color of their skin is unacceptable and against our values. *We can say **NO** to discriminatory robotaxis in Oregon.*

Robotaxis are unpopular and unnecessary. Surveys repeatedly demonstrate the public's deep distrust in robotaxis and unwillingness to use them. At the same time, existing rideshare cars are already flooding the streets, with no regulation on how many drivers these companies can put on the road. Adding unpopular robotaxis to existing traffic serves few and causes more congestion. *We can say **NO** to unnecessary robotaxis in Oregon.*

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