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March 29th, 2017

To: Oregon House Committee on Business and Labor
From: Dan Clem, Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer
Re: Oregon House Bill 3246

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports HB 3246 and encourages the expansion of ridesharing services to Salem and the entire state of Oregon.

The Salem Chamber is dedicated to ensuring that infrastructure meets the transportation, safety, and service needs that support our region's long-term economic vitality, and we believe free market ride sharing is key to the infrastructure.

Currently, services like Lyft are not allowed in Salem. The Salem Chamber is committed to overcoming this issue to add to Salem's vibrancy while keeping local roads safe and free of intoxicated drivers. Ridesharing services like Lyft increase spending in local towns and cities by providing flexible, economic opportunities to drivers and increases spending in the local economy. Riders tend to go out more often and stay out longer, exploring otherwise hard-to-reach areas of their community.

We encourage passage of HB 3246, and believe that ridesharing is essential to reaching our economic development and job-creation efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Clem
Chief Executive Officer
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce