

Members of Oregon State Committee of Business and Labor,

I am writing to you about HB3246, the Uber/Lyft (TNC) bill. I drive part time for Uber/Lyft to supplement my income to help pay for my daughter's Student loans from Portland State and the Art Institute. It does take the pressure off of my wife and me financially. But if you pass this bill into law, the unchecked power that the TNCs will have, state-wide, to lower their rates, and my pay, would make it difficult to continue doing so.

Uber and Lyft drivers in this State generate revenue and pay taxes to the State as well as taxes on fuel. This bill, from what I can see, will give the power to Uber and Lyft to dictate the rates state-wide, and I don't believe they are familiar with the process of what we do to earn our income. There's the cost factor of wear and tear on our vehicles as well as the cost of fuel that tends to rise more than decrease. It seems my rates as a driver are less today than nearly 1 ½ years ago when I started as a driver. We can't control our fixed cost for repairs and maintenance.

When my family moved to Oregon in 1997, I thought this was a State that was concerned for the working family more so than Corporate America, but maybe I was wrong. The Taxi services are protected by regulations that give protection for drivers. I truly hope the bill is voted down to allow for me to continue helping our family survive in this beautiful state of Oregon. Thank you for your time.

Thank you for your valuable time,

Arcadio Salinas III, resident of Beaverton Oregon