

Chair Holvey, members of the committee, my name is Mark Pinto. I live at 20250 SW Skiver Drive, Aloha, Oregon, and I have been a driver for Lyft for a little over 2 years. I'm a retired Marine, disabled veteran and a Gulf War veteran. Driving for Lyft has enabled me to earn some extra money to supplement my fixed income. However, many of the days I do spend driving for Lyft, I earn less than the state minimum wage, after factoring in expenses and mileage.

HB 3246 is a clear example of a legislative proposal that stacks the deck against the workers, and provides unfair advantages to the corporate powers. Statewide control over fares, the burden of taxes falling on the drivers, additional insurance costs for the drivers, and lack of standard workers benefits, are all examples of a system rigged to take advantage of a new work force in the fledgling Share Economy. Your NO Vote would go a long way in setting a tone and protecting the basic rights of the drivers in this sector. Even though I'm a part time driver, I have already felt the impact of the rate reductions that were implemented as a temporary measure after I began driving.

Please do the right thing for your constituents, and don't cave in to the corporate pressures. Protecting the drivers in this way is not only good for the drivers, it will benefit the consumer and the state.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts.

Sincerely,

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