

To whom it may concern,

My name is Joe Liebersbach, and I am a student at the University of Oregon. I wish I could be at the hearing to show my heart for this topic in person, but I will be in class. I hope my testimony will help you make a better decision, and consider my demographic in this decision.

I travel a few times a year, and when I do I always hope that Lyft is available, wherever I go. It is such a great service that I can rely on, and look forward to using. I have never had a negative Lyft experience, and I'm excited for the potential offering of Lyft in my community.

In my opinion, Lyft is a much more enjoyable experience than a traditional taxi, and is generally cheaper too. The drivers are usually happier, and the convenience of the app is unparalleled. Ridesharing is inevitably in our future, and to hold Oregon back from that is just delaying the long-awaited arrival of this new technology.

With that being said, I am supporting Lyft not just as a service, but also as a tool for economic opportunity. Lyft allows many people to become their own boss, choose their own hours, and work toward goals at their own pace. Driving for Lyft would also be a valuable resume entry for those who may not have a lot of job experience. (I.e. College students, like myself.) Finding well-paying opportunities with flexible hours is hard enough, but throw in the stress of college into the mix and it's almost impossible. Sometimes you just need to take a couple days to cram for an exam and not all gigs would allow such a break without any sort of notice. An opportunity such as this is rare, and valuable to our community.

If Lyft was available in Eugene, I would jump on this opportunity to make some valuable additional income, in addition to my current job as a Nordstrom Rack Salesperson. Being able to not live paycheck to paycheck in college is a dream for many, but with Lyft, it's possible.

Many in the opposition of the bill will be concerned for the taxi companies that operate now. To that I say, they should join Lyft too! They already have the skills necessary, and with choosing your own hours as well as tip opportunities, it sounds like a great set up!

In conclusion, this bill is beneficial to our community in many ways. It brings our community forward digitally, helps the local job market, income opportunity, and not to mention the potential effect on DUI's. I urge you to please bring all of Oregon into the future with this important bill. Thank you for your listening.

-Joe Liebersbach

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