

Dear Oregon State Legislature:

I'm sending written testimony regarding HB3246 because I'm unable to attend tonight's hearing. I'm in support of this bill. I'm a member of the National Federation of the Blind and one big issue that blind people such as myself deal with each and every day is transportation. I know without a doubt that ride sharing services will greatly benefit all Oregonians because some are teenagers who are too young to drive, some choose not to drive and some can't drive even if they desire it. I took a trip to Seattle two years ago on a vacation with a friend at the time. While we were there, we chose to use Uber most of the time. True, it cost an arm and a leg but we prepared ourselves for it because compared to a cab, their app told us when a ride was available, who the drivers were and all other information that we'd need. They were great drivers. They gave us great service and they also saved us a lot of time. Uber is a lot quicker than a cab. For example, when a cab isn't available for 2 or 3 hours, Uber might be available in just 6 minutes. Ride sharing services fill in a missing gap in public transportation in Oregon. In many cities in Oregon, public transportation isn't even offered at all. In cities like Salem, public transportation isn't available on weekends. For Salem residents who don't drive or can't drive but want or need to travel around Salem on the weekends would greatly benefit from ride sharing services. The same is true for all Oregonians. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony!!!

Blessed be!!!

Kendra

Sent from my iPhone