

March 17, 2019

The Honorable Jeff Barker House Committee on Business & Labor 900 Court Street NE Salem OR 97301

RE: Support HB 3023 - Relating to transportation network companies.

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

Internet Association appreciates the opportunity to voice our **SUPPORT** for **HB 3023**, related to the regulation of transportation network companies (TNCs) in Oregon.

Internet Association (IA) represents more than 40 of the world's leading internet companies and advances public policy solutions that foster innovation, promote economic growth, and empower people through the free and open internet.

IA supports HB 3023, which will create reasonable statewide standards for rideshare companies, drivers, and vehicles in Oregon. The bill sets standards for driver background checks, vehicle safety, and insurance.

Along with infrastructure and transit improvements, innovation and technology are improving the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of Oregon's transportation system. Expanding transportation options to more Oregonians by establishing statewide rideshare standards will help communities and economies thrive across the state.

The provisions proposed in HB 3023 are aligned with other statewide licensing laws adopted in other states around the country. Statewide licensing laws have allowed for consistent regulation and enforcement of TNCs, which results in better rider and driver experiences and more regulatory efficiencies across jurisdictions.

IA believes providing a consistent statewide licensing regime will enable all Oregonians to access improved transportation options so they can benefit from whichever mode fits their needs. Therefore, HB 3023 will provide more equity and more safe options for all Oregon residents.

For these reasons and more, IA respectfully requests the Committee's **SUPPORT** for **HB 3023**.



Should you have any questions, please contact me at <u>rose@internetassociation.org</u> or 206-326-0712.

Sincerely,

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