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The Honorable Jeff Barker
Chair, House Labor Committee
Oregon House of Representatives

Re: HB 3379 – Transportation Network Companies

Chair Jeff Barker and members of the Committee on Business and Labor, Speaker Kotek, and Majority Leader Williamson:

TechNet is the national network of over eighty technology companies that promotes the growth of the innovation economy through bipartisan advocacy at the federal and state level in all fifty states. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from small startups to the most prominent global companies and represents more than three million employees in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, clean energy, gig and sharing economy, venture capital, and finance.

TechNet respectfully submits these comments in opposition to HB 3379 (Holvey), which would allow local jurisdictions to establish open-ended local rules regulating transportation network companies (TNCs) regardless of whether or not those local requirements result in better safety and higher quality experiences for passengers and drivers.

HB 3379 would result in inconsistent regulations from city to city in Oregon while needlessly imposing costs on drivers, local governments and TNC companies - without any benefit to consumers or the general public. Like nearly every state in the country, Oregon should standardize the requirements for drivers, vehicles, and TNC companies and set up a uniform licensing and permitting process.

Oregon should encourage a collaborative conversation on how to regulate new technologies such as this. Failing to do so will only discourage other technology companies from investing and locating here. Oregon should welcome the change they will bring to the state, and with it the freedom for residents to benefit and profit from them, thus creating a ripple effect on the entire state economy.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter. TechNet looks forward to continuing to engage on this issue. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I may be able to provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

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