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The Honorable Nancy Nathanson
Chair, House Revenue Committee
Oregon House of Representatives

Re: HB 3023 A – Transportation Network Companies

Chair Nathanson and members of the Committee on Revenue,

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 3023 A, introduced by Representative McLain, which will create statewide standards for transportation network companies (TNCs), drivers, and vehicles in Oregon and set statewide standards for driver background checks, vehicle safety, and insurance.

TechNet supports HB 3023 A, because it will expand access to ridesharing for all Oregonians and foster a climate of innovation and competition for Oregon's tech industry. Along with infrastructure and transit improvements, innovation and technology are improving the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of Oregon's transportation system. Expanding more transportation options to more Oregonians by establishing statewide rideshare standards under HB 3023 A supports thriving communities and economies across the state.

In just a few years of operations, TNCs have increased regional mobility and provided meaningful earning opportunities to thousands of drivers who need supplemental and flexible income opportunities. Ridesharing also gives consumers a safe, affordable, and reliable transportation choice. Thus, by connecting drivers seeking flexible earning opportunities with riders in need of direct transportation, TNCs provide important and useful services for residents of Oregon. Looking forward, this technology can continue to help reduce the environmental impact of transportation, connect citizens to transit, provide earning opportunities, and enable people to reliably get where they need to go at any time.

We urge you to pass this important legislation, and thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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