

Hello and thank you to the members of the legislature for allowing me to testify.

My name is Christine Cardona, I am a Medford resident and delivery worker with DoorDash. I would like to address the Council today to express my concerns with the legislature's proposal to limit fees that delivery companies can charge restaurants. I started Dashing because of my daughter. My husband and I are both essential workers and our childcare costs for our 9 1/2 year old daughter went up substantially (to \$108 per day) when schools closed at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have now chosen to enroll our daughter in private school which has added even more additional costs. During COVID-19 specifically, being a Dasher has provided me with a steady stream of income during these challenging times to pay for these extra costs.

One of the most beneficial parts of being a delivery worker is that I have a flexible schedule. I can turn on and off the app whenever I need to and I can work after I'm done with my full time job each day to help pay for these new recurring costs for my daughter.

Like so many other people, I need this income right now to make ends meet. The legislature's proposal to cap the fees that restaurants pay delivery companies could actually end up hurting the whole business ecosystem. Restaurants pay these fees and these fees go directly toward paying delivery workers like me. A 10% cap would mean that my earnings and the earnings of other workers like me who depend on supplemental income could greatly be diminished or go away completely. I can't afford to lose out on this much needed income because of a law that will actually do more harm than good.

While I know this proposal is well-intentioned, I want to urge the legislature to consider the couriers and the restaurants that will be negatively affected by this kind of law while casting your vote. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Christine Cardona