

Hello, my name is DeAnna Coursey. I frequently use the public transportation services. I would like to add my comments to this subject. I started riding the taxi when the t3ios from hermiston to umatilla were close to \$10 per ride. That has hiked up to \$31 per ride one way. The recent hike of \$10 has ended my riding with the taxi for personal use. I do use the taxi for work related use. To and from work is on a punch card. Fortunately the work punchcard has not been affected by the recent hike in fees. I am not the only one affected by this hike in price. There are many people in this area that simply cannot afford the transportation as it were at 20 dollars per one way ride, much less the hike up to 31 dollars. I've thought of competitors possible bringing the price down however getting another taxi service to Eastern Oregon is a feat in and of itself. I hope there can be a solution reasonable to this ongoing issue. Possible a rideshare program or lowering the cost. Fuel cost plays a role in this particular service. I could ask that we ask the current president to open the Alaska pipeline back up or allow tracking once again or offshore drilling I am only one person and not that political. I once read that a woman aged 10 years old was given a chunk of land that was barren. Later she truck oil on that land and she became the richest person in the country of that time at the age of 10 or 13 by that time. That land was in the USA. I'm sure we could politic this subject into existence however, this wouldn't change the current situation anytime soon.

I do hope that you understand I am merely a small voice in a large crowd that wants the same things most wants, affordable housing and transportation and the ability to have a social life outside of work without q democratic or republican party calculating my extra money earned I to their utility bills. The most inhumane thing we can do is cut off people from being human, make them labor slaves and forbid them from having a good time. God said love thy neighbor, not take advantage of thy neighbor. I understand this is a business and they are deserving of a profit. A 10 increase at one time to cover expenses such as fuel when fuel prices increased by possibly 10 cents per gallon, at the most 20 cents. I used to work for Circle K the most ever increase of fuel hike was 20 cents and that wad during the peak of summer and another at the beginning of fall. However, there were decreases as well. The taxi service does not decrease their rates at all.

I hope there are some solutions to this crazy time. I hope you have a good day. Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

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