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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1166

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and members of the committee,

I ask you to pass Senate Bill 1166 for the following reasons:

1. We need fair pay. We earn below the minimum wage in Oregon state, where everything is expensive nowadays. Most of us do car payments, every one of us also covers expenses like car insurance, maintenance and gas while Uber/Lyft take 60% of what the rider paid. They charge high prices for the rider while paying less for us, the drivers. We need your help in controlling pricing. We are involved with a lot of risk, put time into the rides we do, and that should be taken into account when deciding how much is fair for the drivers.

2. Deactivation Protection. Uber/Lyft don't have a system (opportunity to appeal) where we can talk and ask/discuss with them about why we are deactivated and share our side of the story. I have a friend who financed a Toyota Highlander with \$53,000, and his account was deactivated/ removed from the platform. He had no other options but to return the car to the dealership and sold it to them for less than what he bought for it. We need deactivation protection and clear policies, communication and a fair review process before a deactivation decision is made.

3. Access to benefits. We need health insurance, paid sick leave, unemployment benefits. When we get the benefits it helps us to have financial stability, good health, hence reliable and safe transportation for clients/riders.

Sincerely,

Mohamud Ali
Uber/Lyft driver