



Written Testimony in Support of SB 1166

Senate Rules Committee

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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 1166.

My name is Piyawee Ruenjinda, and I am an immigrant, a regular rideshare passenger, and a community organizer with Unite Oregon, where we work with immigrants, refugees, and other underserved communities across the state. I believe SB 1166 is a necessary step toward building a more just and sustainable economy. This bill addresses the growing imbalance of power between large technology platforms and the workers who keep these services running every day.

While technology companies have grown wealthier, many drivers, many of whom are immigrants like me, have continued to struggle without basic protections. This is not an isolated story—it is a common experience in the communities I serve. Without minimum compensation standards, paid sick leave, and greater transparency, drivers remain vulnerable in an unequal system.

The rideshare industry is part of the larger gig economy, where corporate interests often outweigh worker rights. By passing SB 1166, Oregon has the opportunity to provide important checks and balances that better protect workers and create a safer, more dependable experience for passengers like myself and many others who rely on these essential services.

We must change the system to ensure that all workers—especially those from immigrant and refugee backgrounds—are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect. I respectfully urge you to vote yes on SB 1166 to help build a stronger, more equitable future for Oregon's transportation network and economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

In solidarity and gratitude,

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