

March 11, 2026

The Honorable Delegate Kriselda Valderrama, Chair
The Honorable Delegate Lorig Charkoudian, Vice Chair
Economic Matters Committee
Maryland General Assembly
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB1584 - (Stewart) Delivery Network Companies and Delivery Network Services - Regulation and Transparency – OPPOSED

Dear Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and distinguished members of the Economic Matters Committee:

On behalf of Uber Technologies, Inc., I respectfully express opposition to House Bill 1584. While we share the sponsor's commitment to transparency, this legislation as drafted imposes a regulatory framework that is ill-suited for the third-party delivery industry, burdens Maryland workers with unnecessary red tape, and requires companies to produce a wide-variety of sensitive business data without a clear policy goal.

While the intent of HB1584 aims for transparency, the current framework fundamentally misunderstands the operational reality of delivery network companies (DNCs). HB1584 attempts to regulate DNCs through the same lens as passenger transportation. This is a fundamental policy error. Regulating delivery platforms under the Public Service Commission (PSC)—an entity designed for utilities and passenger transport—is a "square peg, round hole" approach.

This legislation would also make Maryland the first state in the nation to require individual licenses for couriers. For the many Marylanders who deliver just a few hours a week to supplement their income, this added layer of red tape could be a significant deterrent to earning. It should be noted that Uber already conducts rigorous background checks and identity verification to ensure safety without creating these barriers.

Further, the annual reporting requirements in this bill are unprecedented nationally and demand the disclosure of confidential, proprietary business information to the PSC and the Legislature. While Uber is not opposed to reporting, requirements should be tailored rather than mandating the production of trade secrets without any clear corresponding policy goal.

HB1584 would make Maryland one of the most restrictive and expensive states in the country for delivery services, hurting the very couriers and small businesses it intends to help. We respectfully urge an unfavorable report on HB1584.

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