

Written Testimony in Support of HB 18

My name is Shawn Honnick, and I have worked as a rideshare driver on both major platforms since 2013. In that time, I have completed over 50,000 rides, typically working five to seven days per week.

The physical and financial toll of this work is far greater than most people realize. Between fleet rentals and my own vehicles, I have gone through more than a dozen cars. I've replaced tires more times than I can count, paid for a rack and pinion steering system, costly suspension components, and even had to replace the vehicle computer motherboard on two different cars due to the extreme mileage and wear from rideshare use. These are not minor maintenance items — they are major expenses that come directly out of drivers' pockets.

At the same time, the costs of fuel, insurance, maintenance, and vehicle replacement continue to rise. Driver pay, however, has become increasingly inconsistent and has declined significantly over the years. The compensation no longer reflects the real operating costs required to provide this service. As a result I have to drive longer and harder each week to make ends meet.

HB 18 is important because it would establish a meaningful minimum payment structure that recognizes both the labor and the expenses drivers carry. Without standards like this, more experienced drivers will be forced out because the work is no longer economically sustainable.

I urge you to support HB 18.

Respectfully,
Shawn Honnick