



May 5, 2025

Senator Jesse Bjorkman
Alaska State Legislature

Re: Support for Senate Bill 35 – Delivery Network Companies

Dear Chair Bjorkman, and members of the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee,

As one of the largest business organizations in Alaska, the mission at the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce is to advance a successful business climate. For over 100 years we have served as a resource where members can gain business knowledge, strength, and insight, and we are motivated to support growth and success for our members, ultimately strengthening the economy for all of Anchorage.

This letter is expressing strong support for SB 35 – Delivery Network Companies. This bill is a timely and necessary tool to provide transparency and parity to network drivers who may transport riders as often as delivery items. Without a measure such as this, the relationship of the driver to the platform is uncertain.

At the time Alaska passed legislation to authorize transportation networks, delivery networks were not yet in existence. Today, small businesses across Anchorage rely on delivery network drivers as a modern solution to transport their products directly to their customers. Delivery network drivers support families that have competing demands on their time, and citizens with disabilities to provide accessible accommodation options. No matter the reason, it benefits a business to scale their reach to more people in more places, while being able to focus on their core operations.

The delivery networks also provide economic opportunity to people who can use this avenue to garner additional income with flexibility and on their terms.

The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce believes that SB 35 offers a simple solution to defining the role of delivery network companies to Anchorage drivers. We urge you to consider the certainty this bill will bring to the economic ecosystem of Anchorage and Alaska, and to support its enactment. Thank you for your commitment to fostering a positive business environment in our state.

Sincerely,

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