



March 18, 2025

Senator Scott Kawasaki, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

Re: Senate Bill 35, Delivery Network Companies

Dear Chair Kawasaki, and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

The Alaska Chamber (the Chamber) writes in support of Senate Bill 35, an act relating to transportation network and delivery network companies.

The Alaska Chamber is the state's largest statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages.

Delivery network companies provide convenient and affordable delivery of goods to Alaskans. They also provide economic opportunity to people who can use this avenue to garner additional income. It is estimated that one delivery network company operating in Alaska has 14,500 Alaskans working on their platform and 89% of those Alaskans work less than 10 hours per week. This highlights how delivery network companies provide opportunities for Alaskans to make a supplemental income on their terms.

SB 35 would establish standards that reflect the reality of app-based work -- the same standards that the state already uses for rideshare drivers -- and provide delivery network companies and delivery drivers in Alaska with greater regulatory certainty. Furthermore, this would ensure Alaska stays in line with developments in other states where marketplace platform workers across all platforms are treated uniformly.

Businesses need consistency in the laws and regulations governing them to thrive in the economy. SB 35 is a free enterprise and good-for-business bill, and we encourage swift passage. Thank you for considering the Alaska Chamber's comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kati Capozzi'.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen McArdle'.

Kathleen McArdle
President & CEO

March 18, 2025

To: Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee
From: Americans for Tax Reform
Re: **Support SB 35**

Dear Chairman Kawasaki and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform and our supporters across Alaska, **I write to you today with my strong support for Senate Bill 35, legislation that would provide long-term certainty to workers in the delivery service economy.** Clarifying independent contractor status for this essential group of people would serve as a guarantee that their time, labor, and wages are indeed theirs to manage however they see fit.

While drivers for transportation network companies like Uber and Lyft have for nearly a decade reaped the benefits of independent contractor status under the law, delivery drivers have been largely forgotten. People who depend on apps such as UberEats, Grubhub, and Doordash to find customers and make money remain unprotected under Alaska law, even though their employment as an app-based transportation provider is not much different than rideshare drivers.

Without the protections contained within this bill, Alaskans could be put at risk for a rapid reclassification of their status during any political shift in Juneau, or even at the federal level. **By enshrining the independent contractor status of delivery network drivers into law, this bill would cement the freedoms of thousands of Alaskans to continue making a living on their own terms. I urge you to lend your support to SB 35 at the first opportunity.**

Sincerely,



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Joe Hayes

From: Lisa Young <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 4:53 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 35

In the discussion of SB 35, As independent contractors, Dashers are responsible for paying both the employer and employee portions of Social Security and Medicare taxes, known collectively as self-employment tax. This flexibility comes with a cost, just as a sole propriety business. These companies ethnically, legally, and contractually, this is a business-to-business relationship. So, in all actuality the drivers are responsible for their taxes and worker's compensation. They should not be treated any different than a Sole Propriety business. Please look at the legality of this issue.

Thank you for your time.

Lisa Young
Fairbanks, AK

Joe Hayes

From: William Hansen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 11:49 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Regarding SB 35

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Dear Senate State Affairs Committee -

I've been working with DoorDash on and off again since the COVID pandemic - it's a great way to earn some extra income to supplement my retirement without pulling too much from my savings. One of the main reasons I work with DoorDash is that I can work whenever I want and keep myself busy. It's a great way to earn money and I'm grateful the opportunity is available to me.

SB 35 would guarantee that we continue to be classified as independent contractors. This bill would protect Alaska workers and prevent us from being re-classified as employees where we would lose the flexibility and independence that draws us to this kind of work. The fact is, there is no one-size-fits-all model to the way we work in the modern economy.

I'm asking you to support SB 35 and listen to the thousands of Alaskans like me who depend on independent work. We do not want to have our ways of working changed against our will, and I urge you to stand up on our behalf and protect flexible workers like me throughout the state, thank you.

Sincerely,
Bill Hansen

-----Original Message-----

From: Margaret Barrios < >

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 1:53 PM

To: Sen. Jesse Bjorkman < >

Subject: Pass SB35 and Support My Right to Flexible Work!

Dear Senator Bjorkman,

I am an Instacart shopper in Alaska and I am urging you to support Senate Bill 35, which would maintain my access to flexible, independent work.

Hundreds of shoppers across Alaska rely on the flexibility of being independent contractors using app-based platforms to earn extra income. For shoppers like me, this might mean having more time to spend with family, pursue education opportunities, focus on my health, or manage other life priorities.

Please, I urge you to support my flexibility and independence and pass SB35!

Regards,

Margaret Barrios

From: Maggie Spilman < >

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 2:26 PM

To: Sen. Jesse Bjorkman < >

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Maggie Spilman

From: Lauan Edwards < >

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Lauan Edwards

From: Breanna Korthuis < >

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 1:45 PM

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Breanna Korthuis

From: Deandra John < >

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Deandra John

From: Cyrus Isturis < >

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 3:08 PM

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Cyrus Isturis

From: Alyssa Daniels < >

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 2:32 PM

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Regards,

Alyssa Daniels

From: Lisa Whaley < >

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 9:10 AM

To: Sen. Jesse Bjorkman < >

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Regards,

Lisa Whaley

From: Sabrina Cantu < >

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 8:56 AM

To: Sen. Jesse Bjorkman < >

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Regards,

Sabrina Cantu

From: Michelle Crawford < >

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 8:48 AM

To: Sen. Jesse Bjorkman < >

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Michelle Crawford

From: Crystal Hilt <>

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 9:17 AM

To: Sen. Jesse Bjorkman <>

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Crystal Hilt

From: Dcott Hills <>

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 9:03 AM

To: Sen. Jesse Bjorkman <>

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April 30, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Bjorkman, Chair
Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce
120 4th Street
Juneau Alaska 98901-1182

RE: SB 35 An Act relating to transportation network and delivery network companies.

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today to support HB 35 regarding transportation and delivery network companies.

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents over 4.5 million employees and countless customers in the fields of information technology, artificial intelligence, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, transportation, cybersecurity, venture capital, and finance.

TechNet appreciates that the Alaska Legislature acted to clarify that people using transportation network companies (TNC) to offer rides to customers are not considered employees. By clarifying this in statute is a commonsense piece of legislation that ensure TNCs can continue to operate with clarity in Alaska. TNCs have become an important component of Alaskans needing to get to a destination, which sometimes can be challenging to do.

TechNet support SB 35 because it will provide the same clarity to people offering their services through a Delivery Network Company (DNC) platform. DNCs offer useful services to thousands of Alaskans residents and businesses. For businesses, DNCs allow access to additional customers. For residents, it provides convenience but also a needed lifeline when mobility is limited.

For these reasons, TechNet request the Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce move SB 35 forward for further consideration. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rose Feliciano
Executive Director
Washington + Northwest