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From:

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Senate State Affairs

To: Subject:

SB35

Dear Senate State Affairs Committee -

I've been working with DoorDash since the pre-covid era and it has been a life saver for me and my family in the past. A lot of that support is because of my classification as an independent contractor which allows me the opportunity to work as much as I want and when I want - it's a great way to earn extra income to supplement my job as a psychiatric nursing assistant. One of the other main reasons I work with DoorDash is that I can work around spending time with my three kids - there are not many other jobs that provide this type of benefit.

Right now, I set my own hours and earn on my own schedule. SB 35 threatens to change all that. This bill would forcibly reclassify Alaska workers like me as employees—meaning 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 need to earn money in the modern economy.

I'm asking you to oppose 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. Flexible workers throughout the state thank you.

Sincerely, Allyssa Cooley