

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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