



The Honorable Senator Jesse Bjorkman
State Capitol Room 427
Juneau AK, 99801
February 4, 2025

RE: Senate Bill 35 (Bjorkman): Delivery Network Companies - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Bjorkman,,

We write to you today in support of Senate Bill 35.

SB 35 is necessary for Uber to continue to offer delivery services in Alaska. The bill would classify individuals who provide prearranged rides or delivery services through digital networks as independent contractors, aligning their status with that of rideshare drivers.

Currently, delivery drivers are not specifically defined in statute as independent contractors, which has led to confusion and unresolved legal questions, threatening services that Alaskans have come to depend on. It is time to update Alaska's laws to reflect the new reality of work. Fifteen thousand individual Alaskans utilize Uber delivery services monthly.

For over a decade, digital marketplaces and platforms like Uber have promoted a new type of work that empowers individuals to determine where and when they work, and offers new options for people traditionally marginalized from the labor market. And around the United States, Uber has advocated for creating legal and regulatory frameworks that preserve the flexibility independent workers say they want. States like California and Massachusetts have pioneered alternatives to traditional employment that fit the way people are increasingly choosing to work: a framework where people can choose work that fits the rhythms of their lives, not the other way around.

Accordingly, the vast majority of earners choose to earn on platforms like Uber on less than a full-time basis. In 2024, 83% of Alaska earners averaged fewer than 30 hours per week logged online to Uber's services. Further, Alaskans choosing to work on flexible platforms like Uber often switch between passenger transportation and goods delivery, creating the necessity for delivery drivers that obtain work through network companies to be classified as independent contractors.

SB 35 will eliminate inconsistencies in statute, resolve ongoing legal questions and allow the state to continue creating opportunities for people who use and rely on app-based platforms to supplement their income.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. Finley".

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