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Representative Jesse Sumner
House Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol
120 4th Street Rm 3
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Sumner:

My name is Allison Ford and I am the Public Policy Manager for Uber Technologies in the Pacific Northwest region, including Alaska. I am writing today on behalf of the company to communicate our support of House Bill 192 with amendments.

Much like our industry peers, we are a technology company that facilitates the sale of goods between merchant companies and customers through our online platform. Uber Eats has operated as a food delivery platform since 2014, partnering with local restaurants and merchants to provide access to food. We currently facilitate the delivery of alcohol in 28 other states by connecting independent contractors (delivery workers) with merchants and customers to compliantly deliver alcohol.

Uber Eats supports HB 192, which authorizes the safe delivery of alcohol and curbside pickup for customers throughout Alaska. While we are supportive of the framework this bill establishes, we do respectfully request that the committee consider additional clarity around the training aspect of alcohol delivery compliance. We believe delivery workers should be allowed the option to take a relevant alcohol delivery education training provided by delivery license holders or the alcohol server education course under AS 04.21.025.

Uber Eats is committed to helping ensure the safe and legal delivery of alcohol. Every delivery worker that delivers alcohol on our platform is provided with relevant alcohol delivery safety education modules that were developed in partnership with Responsibility.org. We also work with national and international organizations, including the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking (IARD) and a coalition of online retailers and platforms, and have co-developed global standards with the IARD to prevent the online sale and delivery of alcohol to minors. Many of our own safety protocols are included as global best practices.

We also provide delivery people with tools and resources to facilitate ID verification and visual assessment of sobriety at the point of delivery. *Every time alcohol is delivered*, delivery people must use our in-app guidance and technology to assess recipients' sobriety and scan a valid ID before completing the delivery. Above all, our approach is designed to be relevant to delivery people, and promote compliance *on every single alcohol trip*.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Allison Ford
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Uber Eats