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HB25-1284 Regulating Apprentices in Licensed Trades

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<p>Sheila Jackson Amend themselves</p>	<p>Hello all,</p> <p>I drive with Uber to support myself and my family. The proposed bill would make it harder for me to keep working — increasing costs, reducing flexibility, and threatening my privacy. I also do many airport rides and people many times do not have water or are out of water and I offer sealed water bottles as a free option to those who are thirsty. Colorado is a dry state and high altitude and its also dry inside the plane for customers flights, so customers are relieved to have a bottle of water if they do not have a water bottle. Sometimes their water bottle is empty and they forgot to fill it. Many customers are new to Colorado and some do not realize it is high altitude and dry here.</p> <p>Uber also offers audio and video recording for both drivers and riders for those who want it. I undergo a background check every year and had a military background check to drive on Buckley too. If background checks are forced on Uber drivers, they could miss out making money while waiting for these results even though we are already in compliance.</p> <p>If this bill passes as is, Uber says they will be forced to cease service in Colorado altogether as early as May. This is disturbing to hear this and I hope that a compromise will be made so that UBER will still operate in Colorado and UBER drivers will not be left without a way to make an income. The job market has been tough since COVID and although many people apply for jobs (myself included), there are still many people who do not get a job that they can survive with and pay the much higher cost of living in Colorado since COVID.</p>

	<p>Please work toward a compromise that keeps rideshare alive in Colorado and protects the drivers who rely on it to earn a living.</p>
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<p>Larry Ogden For themselves</p>	<p>Uber and Lyft drivers need to be regulated better to prevent the bad apples from doing rideshares. I've been hit by three different Uber drivers in the past 6 years while riding my bicycle in downtown. One time resulted in extensive oral surgery and now I have implants and crowns for teeth. Every time it's been the same old story - they're taking a right turn and smash in to me while I'm proceeding straight on the right side of the road. Drug testing should also be required. I can only speculate on the cause of this reoccurring issue - I believe the high pressure hustle to go pick up that next \$7 ride motivates Uber drivers to operate carelessly and get caught up in the hustle. As a CDL driver I strongly believe we should be background checking and drug testing all ride share operators. I've had to deal with Uber drivers operating recklessly in my role as a former RTD driver as well - but I think being hit 3 times and transported via ambulance one of those times is a much more important issue than all of the accidents I almost got in due to unsafe uber drivers while I operated a metro bus.</p>