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Senate Bill 35 Public Testimony

Chair Kawasaki, and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Kari Nore, and I serve as the director of external affairs of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce. I'm testifying today in support of Senate Bill 35.

The Alaska Chamber is the state's largest statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages.

Delivery network companies provide convenient and affordable delivery of goods to Alaskans. They also provide economic opportunity to people who can use this avenue to garner additional income. It is estimated that one delivery network company operating in Alaska has 14,500 Alaskans working on their platform and 89% of those Alaskans work less than 10 hours per week. This highlights how delivery network companies provide opportunities for Alaskans to make a supplemental income on their terms.

SB 35 would establish standards that reflect the reality of app-based work -- the same standards that the state already uses for rideshare drivers -- and provide delivery network companies and delivery drivers in Alaska with greater regulatory certainty. Furthermore, this would ensure Alaska stays in line with developments in other states where marketplace platform workers across all platforms are treated uniformly.

Businesses need consistency in the laws and regulations governing them to thrive in the economy. SB 35 is a free enterprise and good-for-business bill, and we encourage swift passage. Thank you for considering the Alaska Chamber's comments.

Thank you.

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