

Minnesota Rideshare Driver's Association (MNRDA)

Against SF 2319 in its current form

Dear Senators,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Minnesota Rideshare Driver's Association (MNRDA) regarding the proposed Minnesota Senate Bill SF 2319, which aims to increase the fares for ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft.

As an elected senator, you are tasked with balancing the needs of thousands of drivers who rely on these services for a livable income, and the millions of riders who depend on TNCs for affordable and accessible transportation. Uber and Lyft will always make their percentage, so it is important to consider the impact of any policy on the broader community, including the economy, and public safety.

Currently, most full-time drivers work 7 days a week, 10 hours or more a day, when they would prefer to work 5 days and earn enough to live. MNRDA has negotiated with Uber to develop an agreement that would enable drivers to make a livable income while making the service affordable for most riders.

We respectfully request that you balance these competing interests and consider the potential impact of any policy on the broader community, including the economy, public safety, and quality of life.

The following example illustrates the impact SF 2319 would have on both riders and drivers (TNC charges not included):

Current Driver Take Home for 10-Mile Ride	Uber and MNRDA Agreement for 10 Mile Ride	SF 2319 Proposal for 10-Mile Ride
$10 \text{ Miles} \times \$0.61 = \$6.10$ Average Minutes Per Mile = 2 $10 \text{ Miles} \times 2 \times \$0.14 = \$2.80$ Total Driver Take Home = \$8.90	$10 \text{ Miles} \times \$1.15 = \$11.50$ $10 \text{ Miles} \times 2 \times \$0.25 = \$5.00$ Total Driver Take Home = \$16.50	$10 \text{ miles} \times \$1.95 = \$19.50$ $10\text{-mile} \times 2\text{Min} \times \$0.59 = \$11.80$ Average trip destination = 8 miles. $3 \text{ Miles} \times \$1.20 = \3.60 $3 \text{ miles} \times 2 \text{ min} \times \$0.59 = \$3.54$ Total Driver Take Home = \$38.44

As you can see, the proposed bill would significantly increase the fares for riders. Additionally, the trips may decrease significantly, causing many riders to lose access to transportation, and increasing financial strain for many while drivers may get fewer trips. We believe that our agreement with Uber addresses many issues, including driver independent contractor status and balanced occupational accident insurance, and would benefit both riders and drivers.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request and the potential impact of this bill on our community.

Sincerely, Awil Shire, Minnesota Rideshare Driver's Association (MNRDA)