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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE TO PASS AN ACT ESTABLISHING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS FOR TNC DRIVERS

- WHEREAS,*** Uber and Lyft, two Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), made over \$13 billion in revenue in 2023; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** There are tens of thousands of Uber and Lyft drivers in Massachusetts, a large proportion of whom are immigrants and people of color and work in the greater Boston metropolitan area; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** A recent study based on data of more than one million rides performed by Uber and Lyft drivers in Massachusetts found that on average, drivers earn just \$12.82 per hour when taking into account all work time and expenses, which is less than the Commonwealth's minimum wage; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** Drivers report widespread threats, harassment, and even physical assault from their passengers; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** Drivers report accepting rides they felt were unsafe because they were concerned about being deactivated (terminated) from the platforms; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** Drivers lack basic protections afforded to other workers in the Commonwealth, such as workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, and protections against discrimination; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** With a union, drivers would be able to negotiate with TNCs over pay, benefits, and working conditions, improving their overall standard of living and strengthening the economy of the communities they live in; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** Drivers do not currently have the right under federal labor law to organize a union; *and*
- WHEREAS,*** It is a priority of the City of Boston to support the right of workers to organize into unions and to improve conditions for all workers; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED,

That the Boston City Council expresses its support of S.666/H.1099, “An Act Establishing Collective Bargaining Rights for TNC Drivers,” which would give drivers the right to form an industry-wide union in Massachusetts, set a minimum compensation standard, and provide drivers with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance, and anti-discrimination protections.

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