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Please see Drive Forward's statement below regarding the Industry Sharing Safety Program launched today by rideshare companies Uber and Lyft. The statement can be attributable to Michael Wolfe, Executive Director for Drive Forward

Statement

“Today Drive Forward commends Uber and Lyft for putting the safety of rideshare first, just as our over 2,000 gig-worker members do every day on the roads of Washington State. We agree that, after a thorough deactivation review process, drivers committing these profoundly serious infractions should be held accountable for their actions by being removed from the platforms, so riders can feel confident their driver is safe. As a fellow rideshare driver, I also do not want people who abuse the trust riders place in us to be giving rides, as it makes our jobs harder and damages all drivers’ reputations.”

Background

- Drive Forward, a non-profit association of over 2000 gig-worker members in Washington State, was formed in 2015 by gig-workers, we are led by gig-workers and we advocate for gig-economy issues important to our members, including their right to be independent, safety, fair pay, and access to benefits.
- For more information on the new Industry Sharing Safety Program from Uber and Lyft please contact:
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