



**Testimony of Jamie Pascal  
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**Seattle City Council  
C.B. 120294 Seattle PayUp**

Good morning Members of the Committee,

I'm the Director of Civic Innovation Policy for Chamber of Progress, a center-left tech industry coalition promoting technology's progressive future.

We work to ensure that all Americans benefit from technological leaps. Our corporate partners include companies such as Grubhub, DoorDash, Instacart, and Uber but our partners do not have a vote on or veto over our positions.

We urge the committee to **oppose CB 120294. This is a well-intentioned effort to help delivery drivers and gig service providers afford the rising cost of living in Seattle, but unfortunately, it will lead to higher delivery and service costs, which in turn will mean higher costs for Seattle families and fewer orders for drivers and gig workers.**

We all want to see livable wages for Seattleites. But because this proposal sets such a high hourly wage, services that help families like grocery delivery, meal delivery, and dog walking will all see prices increase in order to afford the increased wage.

Not only will that drive up the cost to Seattle customers, but it will also decrease demand for those services. This will have devastating consequences on our most vulnerable populations who use third-party delivery apps and services because there is no other option. And with less demand, independent contractors will receive less opportunity to make money.

We encourage the city council to set this ordinance aside until an economic impact study can be done to understand the full impact this type of legislation will have on workers, consumers, and the public.

Thank you for your consideration.