

While I am proud that my state leaders have passed one of the strongest TNC bills in the country, I am deeply disappointed that our Governor acquiesced to Uber and Lyft's demand of preemption, stripping Minneapolis of our regulatory authority in order to appease the profit-driven interests of Uber and Lyft. This action has set a dangerous precedent and will be weaponized to dissuade other local cities, unions, and organizations from championing necessary labor protections in the near future.

Nevertheless, I am deeply grateful of my City Council colleagues who did not cave to corporate pressure and have fought alongside me to deliver livable wages and strong protections to our rideshare drivers. Had drivers not organized at the local level, and Minneapolis City Council not pass our strong rideshare policy in March, there would be no statewide policy to celebrate today.

I hope other cities feel empowered by this historic win and workers and electeds work together to ensure these exploitative corporations no longer have a pass on labor protections.

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