My name is Jerome Gage. I’ve been a Lyft driver for five years. I like the flexibility. Before COVID-19, I drove 40 hours a week. I drive less now but understand why.

What I don’t understand is why Uber and Lyft refuse to treat me as an employee since that’s California law.

Right now, they don’t pay minimum wage or overtime. They don’t give us paid sick time. They shift the cost of doing business onto us. That’s wrong.

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They also don’t think I deserve healthcare or protections of an “essential” employee. When COVID-19 hit, they wouldn’t even cover my unemployment benefits.
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But they paid $5,000,000 to put 22 on the ballot. And they say they’ll spend another ONE HUNDRED MILLION to pass it.

Drivers like me would’ve used that money for PPE or more sanitation stations to protect us and keep our customers safe. If we got sick, we’d even have healthcare.

Uber and Lyft claim I want to be “independent.” What I really want is to be safe and paid a living wage. That would give me independence.

Recent studies show 70% of Uber and Lyft drivers work 30 or more hours a week - just like me - and our wages would be WORSE under Prop 22. How’s that fair?

Billion-dollar companies shouldn’t get to pick and choose the laws they follow or write their own, like Prop 22.
Please join me and driver groups representing over 50,000 drivers:

VOTE NO on Prop 22.

Jerome Gage,

Lyft Driver