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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to show my support for DCWP's rule to implement Local Law 115 of 2021, which would require delivery app services to pay delivery workers an average minimum hourly rate. However, I am urging the Department to raise the rate from \$23.82 to \$28.82 to ensure that the rate is aligned with the living and working expenses of delivery workers.

According to the Los Deliveristas Union and the Workers' Justice Project, there are more than 65,000 delivery workers in New York City and delivery workers are living paycheck to paycheck. An hourly rate for delivery workers would provide for their cost of living and we need to ensure that this rate truly accounts for expenses and economic factors like inflation.

Under the current DCWP proposal, the \$23.82 hourly rate is broken down by the following:

- Deliveristas Bay Pay Rate: \$19.86
- Workers Compensation Pay Rate: \$1.70
- Expenses Rate: \$2.26

There needs to be a \$5 increase to DCWP's proposed expenses rate to ensure that delivery workers can pay for their work tools such as registered mopeds, can pay for their essential safety expenses such as GPS Trackers, and have hazard pay for their work in extreme conditions.

Delivery workers keep our City running, delivering meals and other essentials to New Yorkers and during quarantine, they were a lifeline to those who could not leave their homes. Delivery workers deserve better and our City has to do right for them.

I urge DCWP to not only set an average hourly minimum rate but to also raise the proposed amount to \$28.82 to ensure our City's delivery workers are able to have a living wage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chi Ossé".

Chi Ossé

New York City Council Member, District 36