



July 22, 2026

The Honorable James Comer
Chairman
U.S. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: DoorDash Support for H.R. 9720, the “D.C. Taxing Authority Review Act”

Dear Chairman Comer and members of the committee:

On behalf of DoorDash, I write to express our support for H.R. 9720, the “D.C. Taxing Authority Review Act,” which would require congressional approval before the District of Columbia can impose or increase a tax or fee. We believe this is a reasonable check against the hastily enacted local taxes and fees that fall hardest on small businesses and the residents who depend on them.

DoorDash's marketplace in the District is built overwhelmingly on small, independent merchants: Roughly 80% of DC merchants that were active on our platform as of December 2025 had 3 or fewer storefronts on the platform. These are the businesses least able to absorb new taxes and fees or the administrative burden of complying with them, from costly point-of-sale upgrades to added compliance overhead.

The District's recently passed delivery tax illustrates the risk: a tax on virtually every delivery, with proceeds designated for a myriad of projects and the District's general fund, passed without a single public hearing and, consequently, without input from the residents and small businesses it will most heavily impact. Based on our internal data, a tax like this would mean millions of dollars a year in added costs for D.C. residents and lost revenue for local merchants, and that burden grows quickly as the rate is increased, as authorized by the Budget Support Act. Research on comparable taxes bears this out: an [economic analysis](#) of Colorado's retail delivery fee found it raised takeout prices by nearly 1%; cut delivery orders by more than 400,000 a year; cost the restaurant sector over \$12 million in revenue; and resulted in a loss of roughly 234 jobs across restaurant and delivery workers.

Taxes like this also fall hardest on the most vulnerable households: the elderly, disabled, and lower-income families who have less room to absorb added costs.

H.R. 9720 does not prevent the District from raising revenue; it simply ensures that when the District moves to impose or increase a tax or fee, that action receives the kind of affirmative, time-limited congressional review already used for other categories of D.C. legislation. Given the outsized impact these measures have on small businesses and the residents they serve, we believe that is an appropriate safeguard, and we urge the House to advance H.R. 9720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JL Horton'.

John Horton
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