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Via email

Sharon Kershbaum
Director,
Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20003

Dear Director Kershbaum:

I am writing to you on behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D. The Commission is greatly concerned about the dangerous driving of food delivery services. We believe that the Department of Transportation must do more to regulate motorcycles, mopeds, and other vehicles involved in food delivery to ensure the safety of the public.

We suggest that one step that DDOT might take is to require food delivery drivers to take special safety classes.

We feel that these driver education courses are critically important. The restaurants and other businesses involved in food delivery should require that the drivers that they use show proof that they have taken driver education courses. These courses will better educate them on the law and make sure they understand how to watch out for pedestrians and other cyclists and cars on the road.

There are way too many delivery drivers on bikes and motorcycles, yet it does not appear that there is a good system in place to monitor these drivers. It is important to include services like Uber and Lyft that are doing pick-up and drop off of meals for food delivery. The speed and dangerous maneuvering through traffic of some of these drivers who dart in and out of lanes is jeopardizing all of our lives. We know from experience that it is risky just standing at the curb waiting for the light to change.

It is our hope, therefore, that your agency will take a serious look at this problem and make needed changes to protect the drivers and safety of all those on the road, drivers and pedestrians alike.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Gottlieb Simon
Chairperson