



A Statement from Michael Cordiello

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Re: Uber acknowledges shortchanging their drivers by millions of dollars

Today, Uber acknowledged that for the past two and a half years they have been underpaying hardworking New Yorkers who drive for the company. Uber has time and time again demonstrated complete disregard for the welfare of its drivers and the news of this egregious and suspicious error comes as no surprise to the men and women who work for the company.

As our union has organized over 16,000 drivers in New York City who want to be represented by Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1181, we have heard hundreds of stories from drivers who suspect they have been underpaid by Uber. This is an issue our local brought to the attention of NYC Taxi and Limousine Commissioner Meera Joshi when we met with her in March.

Today's revelation coupled with the recent news that Uber has been testing "route-based pricing," which has lowered the rate of pay for drivers, underscore the need for local governments to force on-demand transit services like Uber to have clear and honest pay practices. As the oldest and largest transit union in North America, ATU will continue to fight to ensure the men and women who drive for Uber get justice on the job.