

My name is Sharon Simmons and I live in Boulder City, Nevada. I appreciate the opportunity to discuss how No Tax on Tips will benefit me and my family. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of myself.

My husband and I live in Nevada but I am originally from Chairman Smith's district in Missouri. I was raised by two hardworking parents that instilled in me a strong work ethic that I keep today. I remember when I was four years old joining my parents on their newspaper routes. In fact, my mother is almost 80 and still works taking care of little children to cover life's expenses.

I've worked in numerous industries over my life, including a factory and landscaping, but I've been delivering with DoorDash for three years because it enables me to earn good money on my own terms. I use the platform a lot and have already completed nearly 12,000 deliveries. My favorite deliveries are the ones where I partner with a food bank to deliver food boxes to seniors with mobility challenges (called Project DASH). Sometimes, I'm the only friendly face that these folks see in a day so I use that time to ask them about themselves and Las Vegas' history.

The earnings from dashing is how I help put food on our table, how I help my husband through medical treatments, and how I maintain connections with my community and ten grandchildren in Missouri. The flexibility that DoorDash provides is paramount to my daily schedule: I can work when I want and for how long I want and there's no boss telling me when and where I have to show up. I also don't have to ask for permission to take a trip to Missouri whenever I want.

In early 2025, my husband was diagnosed with cancer and the toll that radiation & chemotherapy took on him forced him to reduce his hours at his job. Because DoorDash provides me with a truly flexible work schedule, I was able to drive him to and from his treatments. During that time, every extra dollar I earned mattered more than ever.

I'm happy to say that my husband just finished his treatments and I'm hopeful that the treatments worked. But the experience has made me appreciate this type of work and the importance of every extra dollar of earnings. That's why I am very excited that Congress took action to include Dashers and other independent contractors in No Tax on Tips. For someone like me, that means hundreds or thousands of dollars that stay in my pocket every year.

I plan to use these tax savings to cover follow-up medical visits for my husband and to travel to Missouri to visit my mom, kids, and grandkids. No Tax on Tips will literally allow me to see my family more often. It will also help me pay for groceries and utilities during our hottest summer months. Life these days is expensive and every little bit helps.

And I know I'm not alone: Las Vegas is full of bartenders, servers, bellhops, and fellow delivery drivers who rely on these tips to support their families and cover expenses. I know these neighbors work so hard for a living and I'm glad Congress recognized that helping them is one of the most important things they can do.

My fellow Dashers and I do this work because it matters to our communities, to our families, and to ourselves. We deserve to keep every dollar of our earned tips. To the members of this committee: thank you for restoring fairness to our paychecks and enacting "No Tax on Tips".

I appreciate the opportunity to share my story, and I'm grateful for the chance to speak on behalf of the countless Americans whose livelihoods depend on every tip they earn.