

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

We write to urge you to strip out a provision in Title I of the *BUILD America 250 Act* (H.R. 8870), that would endanger consumers across the United States. The provision, which faced bipartisan opposition in markup, would shield rideshare companies from liability for crashes and sexual assaults caused by their negligence. This provision must be removed from the *BUILD America 250 Act* before it is considered on the House Floor.

No corporation should be immune from accountability. Yet, this is exactly what Uber and other ride share companies are trying to do.

The bill as currently written includes a provision that says a rideshare company “shall not be liable [...] for harm to persons or property” that happens during a ride. This provides rideshare companies with immunity from any injury, sexual assault, and fatality case, even if it was aware of a danger from any criminal background check, motor vehicle background check, customer complaint, safety test, or internal complaint. Moreover, the provision expressly preempts State law. Though a rideshare company would still have to follow local laws regarding background checks, it would be immune from liability if it ignored red flags.

Congress should ensure that Americans retain their right to seek a remedy in court if a rideshare company fails to protect its customers or drivers. Uber alone received a report of sexual assault or sexual misconduct every 8 minutes over a 5-year period. Now they are facing more than 3,000 sexual assault claims in Federal and State Courts nationwide from passengers who claim they were sexually assaulted or harassed by Uber drivers.<sup>1</sup> Our constituents deserve better.

The *Build America 250 Act* must be amended, and this provision stripped, before it is considered by the Rules Committee or on the House Floor.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> Emily Steel, January 21, 2026 - [\*Uber Faces Growing Pressure Over Sexual Assault Record.\*](#)