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Remarks as Prepared: DCWP Commissioner Levine Delivers Remarks Announcing Actions Supporting Delivery Workers

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Thank you, Deputy Mayor Su and Mayor Mamdani.

And thank you to Ligia Gualpa of the Worker's Justice Project.

Good morning. I'm Sam Levine, Commissioner of the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection. As Commissioner of DCWP, my mission, alongside Mayor Mamdani, is simple: to fight for workers and enforce the laws that protect YOU.

This has been a big week for DCWP – and not by accident. Every single day, we took action to defend workers, enforce the law, and put billion-dollar corporations that ignore both on notice.

On Monday, right here in this building, I met with our partners at the Workers Justice Project and Los Deliveristas Unidos. We talked about how we continue to support and uplift the 80,000 delivery workers who keep New York moving. And we planned ahead, laying the groundwork for enforcing the city's worker protection laws – including new legislation that goes into effect this month.

On Tuesday, DCWP exposed exactly why worker protection laws are so urgent. In a new report, we revealed how Uber and Doordash manipulated their tipping interface – driving down worker pay by more than \$550 million. It's unconscionable. And starting in two weeks, it's illegal.

On Wednesday, DCWP lawyers argued in court, continuing to fight Uber and DoorDash's last-ditch lawsuit to skirt tipping protection laws.

Last night, DCWP launched a compliance blitz – sending warning notices to delivery app companies, including Instacart, DoorDash, Grubhub, and Uber, demanding that they follow the city's Delivery Worker Laws.

And this morning, DCWP filed a lawsuit against Motoclick – a restaurant facing delivery app that blatantly ignored the minimum pay rate.



This lawsuit seeks full back pay and damages for workers – and more. We are holding Motoclick and its individual owners accountable, and we are seeking to shut their operation down in New York City entirely.

This week set the new standard. Let me be clear: the era of predatory apps raking in billions off the backs of workers and consumers is over. And not a moment too soon.

If an app fails to comply with the Minimum Pay Rate and pay you what you're owed; if an app unfairly deactivates you; if an app screws around with your tips – know that DCWP will hold them accountable, take them to court, and make sure there are consequences.

Under this administration, there is zero tolerance for companies that flout the law or endanger their own workers. No more loopholes. No more treating workers like YOU as disposable.

I look forward to meeting with you today and answering all of your questions. And in the days, months, and years ahead, I look forward to fighting side by side with all of you to build a city that champions the rights and dignity of working people.

You deserve nothing less. Thank you.