

Uber's Initiative Against Victims — Protecting Profits by Making it Harder to Sue

How Uber's Initiative Blocks Victims' Rights:

Uber has filed a ballot initiative designed to **limit its financial exposure** when people are injured by making it **harder to hire a lawyer** and **recover the damages** they are entitled to — including **medical expenses**.

Uber claims this is a cost-saving measure, but in reality it creates more protections for Uber after an accident — capping medical recovery and discouraging attorneys from representing injured victims. It **shifts the balance in favor of multi-billion-dollar corporations like Uber**, which would **not face the same restrictions**.

Why Uber Wants This:

Uber faces legal exposure from automobile accidents involving its drivers. By limiting what victims can recover and making it harder to hire a lawyer, this initiative reduces the number of cases that can be brought — and the cost of those that remain. In short, the measure **protects Uber's profits by limiting accountability when people are harmed**.



Caps Medical Compensation to Lower Uber's Financial Liability:

If Uber's initiative passes, injured victims would be restricted from recovering what they paid for in medical expenses, and make it harder for them to receive medical care.

By capping recoverable medical costs at artificially low reimbursement rates, it **reduces what Uber and insurers would be required to pay** when riders are injured. And, it **dramatically increases the burden of proof** for injured victims to recover any medical claims — meaning many victims would be **unable to receive medical care after an accident**.



Blocks Victims From Hiring Lawyers — Reducing Cases Against Uber:

The initiative places **strict limits on injured victims' right to hire lawyers**, while leaving **Uber's lawyers unaffected**. In practice, this will leave many injured victims on their own, without an attorney to advocate for them against wealthy corporations and insurance companies.



Far-Reaching Impacts:

This is **not limited to Uber** or rideshare accidents. This measure applies broadly to **all motor vehicle accident cases**, affecting everyday Californians, including passengers, drivers, pedestrians, and anyone who may be harmed in a car or truck crash.

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