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NYC Package Delivery Workers and Small Businesses Call on Council to Protect Their Livelihoods

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[50 small businesses sent a letter](#) to Council members urging them to tour their facilities and meet the drivers to understand the disastrous impacts of Intro 518

New York, NY – Package delivery drivers and small business owners gathered today in Harlem to urge the New York City Council to reject Intro 0518-2026, legislation that could eliminate thousands of local jobs, force hundreds of small businesses to close, and increase delivery costs for every day New Yorkers.

“While bill supporters think they’re being tough on Amazon, the reality is they’re putting thousands of New York City workers at risk,” said **Rudy Cazares of Cazar Logistics**. “I ask every Council Member to come and see our facilities and meet our workers so they can understand the impact of this bill beyond slogans and signaling. Amazon is going to be fine. People like us are the ones who are going to pay the price – small business owners who built these companies from the ground up, and drivers who depend on these jobs to build a future for themselves and their families.”

At the same time small businesses and workers rallied in Harlem, bill supporters ironically left the city and gathered on Long Island — one of the places where an [independent AKRF analysis](#) warns last-mile facilities could relocate if Intro 518 is passed, part of the broader shift that would cost New York City thousands of jobs.

“While they’re out on Long Island, we’re in Harlem. We’re here because in just this community and the neighboring Council districts alone, 3,500 last-mile jobs could be put at risk if this bill passes. We’re New Yorkers fighting for our city,” said **Kris Basmagy, owner of DashWave Delivery**.



Analysis shows this legislation could put up to 10,000 jobs at risk. Among employees at last-mile facilities, an estimated 82% of workers do not have a college degree and 84% are non-White. The small businesses that power last-mile delivery employ local residents, create pathways to economic opportunity, and help ensure that essential goods, from groceries and medicine to school supplies and household necessities, reach neighborhoods across all five boroughs.

“I worked my way up in the last-mile delivery industry for four years and learned every aspect of the operation before starting my own company in 2024, where my father and both my brothers now work,” said **Jordan Rodriguez, owner of One Dream Logistics Inc**, which operates in the Bronx. “This industry has changed my life, it helped me buy my first house and start a family. Intro 518 would hurt people who have worked hard to create stability and opportunity for themselves and their families, while increasing costs and reducing reliability for the millions of New Yorkers who depend on package deliveries.”

Importantly, the independent AKRF report emphasizes that this is not just an industry issue, but an affordability concern for New York families and businesses. Higher delivery costs would be passed on to consumers who rely on home delivery for everyday essentials, such as medicine, groceries, diapers, and household goods. Small businesses that depend on fast, reliable delivery services would also face higher operating costs. If facilities are forced to relocate or significantly restructure their operations, annual household delivery costs could increase by as much as \$664 under a full relocation scenario, with meaningful cost increases even in less severe cases.

The press conference also highlighted a [letter](#) from 50 delivery and logistics companies from across New York City, urging the New York City Council to consider the real-world impacts this legislation could have on the small, family-owned businesses that power New York’s last-mile delivery ecosystem.

In the letter, the coalition called on Councilmembers to work directly with workers and small businesses to develop balanced solutions that strengthen worker protections while preserving jobs, supporting local businesses, and maintaining a reliable and affordable last-mile delivery network for all New Yorkers.

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About NY Delivers

[New York Delivers](#) is a coalition of delivery service partners, businesses, and workers committed to protecting last-mile delivery—the system that keeps essential goods moving, neighborhoods connected, and everyday life affordable across all five boroughs.