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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am a retired person and the owner of a Brisbane taxi plate, inherited from my late wife Maria McNally. The lease fees paid to me by Yellow Cabs make up a substantial portion of my retirement income, which I expect to diminish as a result of Uber road pirate activities. I pay income tax on these fees and, in addition, several hundred dollars a year in licence fees to the Queensland Government. Last week I was informed that I would have to pay yet more to QMRT for an advanced taxi safety camera.

All of these costs are at present evaded by Uber drivers.

I call on the Queensland government to enforce its own laws by penalising Uber operators, or force these operators to conform to the same conditions and costs which are imposed upon taxi plate owners. Alternatively, the government may choose to compensate me and thousands like me for the capital and income losses which its inaction has caused, in the name of Americanstyle free enterprise.

