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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed amendment to the Transport Legislation. I have worked in the taxi industry for the last 8 years.

I have seen the effects of the illegal UBER service on the taxi industry over the recent past and I can see that the system as it is at the moment is not making any difference to the running of Uber and its associated services. I believe that the introduction of a demerit point punishment to a driver who is operating an illegal taxi service will actually affect the daily running of the ride-sharing business model. Uber rely on the fact that the only punishment for drivers that are caught is financial, which they appear to be paying to the government on behalf of their drivers. They are making a mockery of the legal system here in Australia.

It is well documented all over the world that Uber will continue to operate until they are FORCED out of an area.

I firmly believe that attaching demerit points to the fines that are already being issued will assist in the reduction of people willing to drive an Uber vehicle. I also think that there needs to be a campaign by the Queensland Government, informing the public of the illegal activities that Uber are performing, that the public need to be made aware of the fact that Uber cars and drivers are operating an illegal service.

Thank you for your consideration,

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