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Transport Amendment Bill

Dear Sir,

I have been involved in the taxi industry since July, 1957. I am very passionate about and love all aspects of our vibrant industry. I have seen much growth and many changes during this time. I recall there was a time when cabbies could finish a beer before taking our passengers. As time has gone by, I have witnessed many changes to safety and regulations as issues and concerns have been raised which have greatly benefitted our industry.

This so-called innovation which illegal taxis seem to be famous for, is really just a new way of destroying an honest and safe transport industry.

Sir, I urge you to consider implementing and enforcing stronger policies to safe guard our state, country and communities from the destruction of illegal foreign organisations who do not consider what the long term effects and impact will be should they be encouraged and allowed to continue unabated, unregulated and irresponsible. This can easily be done by implementing a demerit system to those who continue to disregard the laws of our beautiful state.

Regards,

Mr Andy Mahlouzarides