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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this letter for submission new laws for illegal taxi or ride share. Do support new laws for 3 demerit points for offence and 6 demerit points for second offence.

I have been in taxi industry since 1986 as a driver, in 2004 have purchased a maxi taxi license and run own a maxi taxi vehicle, went on transport people on wheel chairs, large group up to 10 people and general fares in the community, take them in safely in their destination. I'm making reason good living and due my ages close to retire, wouldn't able to find another jobs because lack of experience.

At end of November, I have already to order and going to replace new maxi taxi, it will going cost me \$72000 plus \$3000 or \$4000 for stamp duty tax and keep it for eight years, this is going be my last taxi before ending my career and retire.

During my time in taxi industry for over 30 years, I have seen many change in taxi industry from two way radio involved changing to later technology to ATdata computer system. My taxi company (Yellow Cab) were first one to have smart phone app and another six months later other taxi company have their smartphone app. We have smartphones app two years before illegal taxi have their.

In time I do need my taxi to be repair, do pen on small business to do need specialising skills person to work on my vehicle and they pen on me on their business. if I go down under, not able make the living off taxi industry, the small business told me would have to reduce permanent staffs, or very worst to close down business. Would not good for the economy in town or Queensland.

I do make my taxi regard continue check for maintaining and keeping the cab clean all the times. Every six months I am require to have my taxi check by government transport inspectors and never be put off the road, only one minor defect notice was fixed within 2 hours.

My Maxi taxi have a security camera and gps tracking system make general public safe to travel. With in three years I have to replace and update new security camera which I am require by transport act. Believe will cost me up to \$3000 to have it fitting.

I am authorities taxi driver, did training at Yellow cab, pass the knowledge and driving test by department of transport in 1986. Do follow transport act regulation and company rules. Do have another driver, driving for me mainly at night shift. The driver get 50/50 take and drive for four or five nights a week.

Before say the end, I do about 20 or 30 percent works do wheel chairs works, 10 or 15 percent do group works and rest is general fare. I do need general fare to full the slack to survive in taxi business, without couldn't do it.

Again I do support new laws, would able to discourage or stopping person driving illegal taxi and stealing legal taxi license work. Would hope able return before pre illegal taxi time.

Your Faithful

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