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To: [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)
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I wish to make the following points in my support of the above Bill.

1.The present penalties for operating an illegal taxi are no longer adequate. They have not stopped a rich and powerful overseas company from continually breaking the law. They are operating an illegal taxi service and are able to ignore the financial penalties.

Taxi Operators and Drivers must obey the current Department of Transport and Main Roads Regulations or will suffer the following penalties.

A. Financial penalties that increase with the severity of the offence.

B.Taxi Drivers may also have their Taxi Driving Licence cancelled. Taxi Operators and Taxi Service Licence owners can have their Licence cancelled.

These penalties are far greater than those applied to illegal taxi drivers and operators.

3.I understand that Uber cancels the phone numbers of Department of Transport and Main Roads Inspectors in an attempt to avoid penalties, this means that effective policing is not possible. Stronger action is required.

Yours faithfully
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