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To: Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

Subject: Taxi Services Amendment Bill 2015.

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To the Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources Committee,

I support the taxi services amendment Bill 2015.

The current penalties for breaking our laws in relation to illegal taxi operators are not working.

We have strict regulations within our (Aviation) industry, developed over time to benefit the safety and well-being of the travelling public. If I chose to flout these regulations because there was little deterrent to do otherwise, without a doubt, the safety of my industry would decline and people would be hurt. The government and its agencies are held accountable by those who are damaged by failures to adequately regulate.

My 3 daughters are of an age where the long term benefit of a safe, equatable and regulated industry is difficult to choose over the short term benefit of a cheap ride. By its inaction, the government is promoting illegal taxis as an equivalent and safe travel option. The impact of unlawful taxi travel opens the door to liability for the government that put regulations in place for the safety and well-being of the travelling public.

Kind regards

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