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I am preparing this submission in support of the Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015.

I started in this industry in 1989 as a part time driver to make some extra income. I became a full time driver in early 1990 and started leasing a licence in about 1993. In 2007 I bought a conditional maxi taxi licence which I still operate.

At all times I have operated within the law and paid all due industry fees, insurances and taxes. The maxi licence was bought as part of our retirement planning. With the advent of Uber's illegal taxi app this has been thrown into limbo. We have already postponed my wife's retirement once due to the uncertainty surrounding my livelihood.

Uber claims to have created thousands of jobs in Queensland but at what cost. The taxi industry in Queensland would have at least 13000 drivers involved either full or part time.

I have 1 full time and 2 part time drivers involved in my business. If things get any worse I am going to have to look at cutting the part time drivers and increase my own hours.

I fully support the Bill's intent to deter illegal taxi operators by providing for the recording of demerit points against the traffic history of a person who provides a taxi service without a taxi service licence or a peak demand taxi permit.

Yours sincerely,

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