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**To:** [Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee](#)  
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To the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resource Committee. My name is Melake and I'm a hardworking taxi driver for yellow cabs. Approximately, 4 years ago I bought a taxi license valued at \$300,000 in the hope I could support my wife Meskela and my beautiful daughters. However, while I've been working hard to cover the costs there have been countless individuals who illegally operate their taxi or share ride service. It is not fair nor is it just that we've had to pay to be legal while these rogue operators can continue to exist particularly when they put customers at risk with little to regulation.

As a result my family and I are currently facing financial difficulty to the point we are finding it increasingly harder to cover the costs of the loan plus paying GST and other tax bills. We are working under unfair work conditions on the road while Uber is operating illegally yet still exists while we correctly obey the law. Could you please take action against these type of illegal taxi services as they are having a negative effect on honest taxi drivers like myself, enough is enough.

Kind regards,  
Melake Tesfamicale,

Sent from my iPhone