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To Whom It May Concern

We are writing to express our support for the private member's Bill, the Transport Legislation (Taxi Services) Amendment Bill 2015, presented by the Member for Mount Isa, Mr Rob Katter MP, on 16 September 2015.

While this Bill does not stop illegal taxis in Queensland, it is the first step by the Queensland Government to uphold the regulations they have enforced upon the taxi industry.

Currently illegal taxis are taking away the work that is available to the industry. Taxis are released by the Queensland State Government as a ratio to the population – based on the carefully assessed needs of the community. With the constantly increasing number of illegal taxis the work available is being diluted.

THIS HAS ERRODED OUR TAXI INDUSTRY AND ITS VALUE.

I am currently an owner of one taxi licence and I also lease an additional licence. This allows me to provide employment for myself and an additional four Queensland residents. The income previously afforded by these taxis provided for our families which extends to over 15 individuals and children.

My taxi licence was purchased through the sale of my home in India in 2008.

This taxi licence is my only possession and asset.

Since the emergence of illegal taxis, our income has been reduced by anywhere between 35-45% (shift-dependent) per week. There are many hours in the day where we struggle to make \$10 per hour. We are struggling to keep our mortgage repayments and we are increasingly requiring credit to pay for our personal living.

We all migrated to Australia as skilled migrants. However, due to the high levels of unemployment, we needed to create an employment opportunity for ourselves. This is exactly what the taxi licence represents for us.

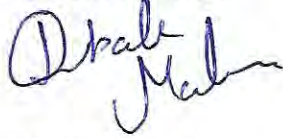
If the issue of illegal taxis is not resolved and regulations upheld, our industry will be decimated. Along with it will be the decimated lives of many innocent families who rely on the taxi industry for their livelihoods.

We are five of these families.

If the Government continues to take no action, we will stand with our industry to #455
make the Queensland Government to be responsible for our downfall. We are
suffering physically, emotionally and financially.

Yours sincerely,

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