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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the taxi industry and the changes that are occurring due to the introduction of Uber. Taxi are a regulated industry for several reasons and it seems something is terribly wrong when a large American company can start operating an illegal taxi service without objections from the government and law enforcement. And it concerns me that such a highly regulated industry that must abide by so many rules and regulations can be left without any backup from the government that has set these rules and regulations.

Taxi are made to purchase highly prices licenses, install security cameras, GPS tracking systems, pay the correct taxes, have highly price insurances and conduct their service according the rules set by government. However, it seems Uber has been allowed to come in and operate under their own rules. Uber should be made to conduct their business according to our laws not their own.

I would like to think our government is not powerless against such a operation. Our country is missing out on revenue which the law abiding tax payers will have to make up for in the long run.

I would like to see our government step up and start enforcing more fining for these drivers and the company for operating an illegal service. Whilst fines are currently be given out where possible this is not enough. I believe that dermits points, high fines and even vehicle impounding should be consequences for drivers knowingly breaking the law by working for Uber. Also I believe that those who choose to use this service should also incur a fine as they know they are encouraging and using an illegal service.

As a parent, voting adult and concerned citizen I would not like to see Uber be allowed to continue operating. They have ignored cease and decent orders and knowingly increase their business base within this state inspite of this. People travelling and operating these vehicles are not adequately cover by insurance, do not have the security systems in place, may or may not have a adequately safe vehicle to carry passengers and do we know if these drivers have been checked according to our taxi industry regulations.

They are many people that have invested their future in owning taxi licenses and if Uber is allowed to continue they along with the our current drivers and the companies administration staff and many other peoples livelihoods will be affected a great deal.

Uber is not here to provide a better service or even compete on a even playing field they are here to completely overtake the taxi industry. The Taxi Industry would welcome the competition as long they too have to abide by the same laws.

In closing I am not happy with the situation that our taxis currently face. The government needs to take action to preserve this industry and remember the reasons why these regulations were put in place. To safe guard both the passengers and drivers, to provide a service to the public that was consistent and ensure the industry was not overrun by sublevel service.

Signed electronically for myself

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