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I am sending this letter for the committee to consider my thoughts regarding the above amendment. I have been in the Taxi industry for 15 years & during that time I have been an honest employee & tried to give good service to my customers. I have owned taxi licences, employed drivers & managed to the best of my ability.

I am now confronted with opposition from an illegal taxi service that takes no notice of the rules which govern the regulated taxi industry & which seems to have the support of the government. It is unjust & unfair.

We, the regulated industry, are required to continue paying all the regulated industry fees while Uber continues on it's merry way avoiding all such payments which allows it to undercut our fare structure & make itself more attractive to the travelling public.

On top of this there are other imposts such as Registration, CTP insurance, limited car age, machinery inspections, GST & Income Tax, all constraints that limit our ability to compete. The impact of these restrictions is simple awfully & is causing us to accept lower

returns for greater effort while Uber keeps on taking advantage of our regulated position.

We cannot keep going like this so I urge you to support the amendment so some constraints are imposed on Uber drivers to prevent them from causing untold damage to our industry

Yours Sincerely,
Esther Wu Leng