Public Works and Utilities Committee

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To: Public Works and Utilities Committee

I am writing a submission regarding the "Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017"

First of I would like to let you know that I prompted to Uber ride-sharing to supplement my income. I am financially hard-up and I need to do something to help me meet all my financial commitments. Uber has been a very helpful instrument to destress my financial struggles.

The additional fees that will be imposed by the government is not going to help me at all. Paying more than what it should be is going to be a burden for me. Please remember that I spent nearly \$400 just to get all the requirements prepared for Uber, i.e., special driver's license, medical certificate, police clearance. On top I have to constantly keep my car clean so it is impressive for the riders/passengers. We already pay our own petrol which if you look at it, we only get a little advantage in Uber-ing, but it's cash every week which helps.

If the legislative bill is passed, I will go back to a hard life, always charged by my bank for insufficient funds and overdrawn fees, and will be constantly looking around to alleviate financial stresses that I have. Uber-ing has been a convenient decent second income to supplement my other financial needs.

We, the taxpayers, have already been helping the government in paying high taxes. Please do us a favour by allowing us to enjoy a little, just a little comfort with Uber ridesharing. The government needs to help the taxpayers because we help the government thus, we expect the government to help us. Do not, in any way shape and form, make our lives harder as it is. Everything is costly, nowadays not everyone can afford the lifestyle anymore that one dreams about unless you do something illegal. The government must look after the taxpayers who look after the government by paying their taxes.

Thank you for listening. Emelita Woodley