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RE: Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017

Dear Committee Secretary, I am writing to voice my concern for the Bill and how it will negatively impact rideshare and drivers.

Since returning from China in 2011, where I have taught for 10 years, I have struggled to find and maintain strong employment. I have had 1 and 2 terms of Australian work, and one in Indonesia and China respectively (6 months). As a 55 year old maths and science teacher, I have been seemingly overlooked for work, and the independent systems is too highly competitive, It appears that I may have spent too much time abroad. Just last year, I completed my Master of Education Degree., hoping it would gain me a position. Now I must pay for it.

Signing up for Uber last year, I drive 25 – 40 hours per week to support my family since completing my last contract. I had originally intended to use uber to build my Superannuation, but as I have not secured more work, it is my main source of income. My wife is from mainland China, and runs a successful Chinese Massage Business where she is the sole operator and owner. She works hard because I can't provide better income, and she is over 50. Amy's health is weakening. In her third year of business, she has since increased personal leave to 4 weeks plus because of our financial situation.

This is without your Bill's additional licensing fees. A license for my car, higher CTP and the other fees is unfair and unreasonable. It seems we must pay our competition, the taxis. Surely there are other ways to fund the Taxi industry.

Please consider my family's needs in your decision making. I cannot continue if these fees come into play.

Thank you for your time,

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