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To: [Public Works and Utilities Committee](#)
Subject: "Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017"
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Hi

My name is Michael Price and I am an Uber driver in Townsville. I have been driving since it started in Townsville 3 weeks ago. As a retired person receiving no support from the government, I have found this an excellent way to supplement my income with the maximum of flexibility.

I am concerned that the go is looking for ways to impact upon my ability to make this income. Uber works upon a platform of affordability for riders, and as such, the income for drivers is not huge. If you increase or add to the amount that we already have to pay to be able to drive, then many drivers will be dissuaded from driving, as they won't be able to afford to get started.

Since I have been driving, many passengers have commented to me that now that they have an alternative to Taxis they are able to afford to go out again. This helps the local economy, as people are now spending the money they save on the fare in local pubs, clubs, and restaurants.

I have heard anecdotally that the RACQ has found that young people are putting off getting their driving licenses in places where there is an Uber presence. The average age is now 19, which is great when considering the number of young people involved in accidents. I believe Uber has had an unintended consequence of providing affordable travel to young people, and keeping them from behind the wheel, particularly if they have been drinking.

If the government go ahead and increases the cost of driving, ultimately it will drive Uber back underground, which will be no good to anyone. I urge you to leave the fees as they are.

Regards

Michael Price

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