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

Dear Committee secretary,

I write this email to express serious concern over the above proposed bill and how it will seriously and negatively impact on myself and other ride share drivers

In 2016 I was put in a position where due to a health issue I had to re-evaluate my life at a time where I was considered/perceived not to be a viable commodity in the workforce. A friend had told me about UBER and to be honest it all seemed just a little too easy to (even with my health issue) take control over my life and continue to support a reasonable life style (albeit not a luxurious one)

This type of work being a possibility enabled me to provide myself and my family with an income that continued to have us maintain a sense of pride about supporting ourselves and not becoming a centrelink statistic and a burden on the government and the taxpayer.

I am now 62 years of age and am generally considered to be a has been in the workforce although both you and I know that not to be true, I have again become the master of my own destiny and control my life as such.

It is my intention to continue to drive for the foreseeable future on a full time basis

Changes in the introduction of the proposed bill will mean that ride sharing will not be as viable to some as it is currently and not viable to others at all

A number of persons signed up for UBER have done so as a result of the relatively low start up costs and any changes to this will negatively impact on some people to control their own financial destiny and I am sure that I do not have to tell you what may be the result of this on the government and the already heavily burdened taxpayer

Buying of an annual license will make it less viable for some and they may not seek to support themselves in the shorter term placing additional stress on the economy and hardly seems fair also there is the situation where one does not fully identify with the fact that a ride share situation will be a successful one for them at the initial starting time.

Should this bill and the changes as proposed be successful I will more than likely have to cease driving for UBER and will become another statistic of the system and become for the first time in my life unemployed and supported by the state and the taxpayer (not a situation that is palatable to me or the taxpayer I am sure you will agree)

There are many costs already being borne by both the part and full time ride share drivers and additional costs will just serve to drive down their standard of living to a point where we will be living below the poverty line....

IS THIS REALLY THE INTENT HERE

If it is then there is little hope for the future of ride share and it could seriously impact our economy

There are some 9,000 ride share drivers in Queensland at the moment and each of them have family members and riders (who also have families) who share their days with them I am sure that you can do the math and come to realise that as a mass we have a voice and can potentially change a government for the better or to better serve the greater public

I hope that this correspondence is not considered as a threat but just a constructive analysis of a critical situation where I like many others hope that common sense will prevail and that the essence of what and how ride share is meant to operate and achieve will be maintained

I thank you for taking the time to read and hopefully take in what is in this email and the importance of this issue to not just me but your greater constituents

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Pugh

