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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in regards to the *Transport and Other Legislation (Personalised Transport Reform) Amendment Bill 2017* as regular rider on the Uber app. I believe that the changes to do with the cost imposed on drivers are un called for and will have a negative affect on myself and many other people I know. As a student myself and someone who doesn't have a license Uber has provided me with a safe reliable service. I am able to help my mum out with collecting my brother from after school activity prior to Uber this would have been unaffordable.

Additionally, the safety I gain from the Uber platform is profound. Through the app I am able to see the driver details and vehicle details and know that every driver is accountable for their own actions (through the rating and feedback). I can am able to EASILY make a complaint if something was to go wrong and overall I have found the experience to be a lot more positive.

As I understand it, the current bill is proposing to increase driver start up costs, including the new Ride Sharing Licence which drivers will have to purchase for around \$250 per year. While it is important to ensure the appropriate people are becoming drivers. However these new costs will ensure a lot of people, great people won't be able to afford to drive on the platform. I have had so many drivers who enjoy driving part time, as a way to make some spare money in their spare time. One newly retired fella was driving to save up for a trip on the Great Ocean Road and told me he loves the social aspect of driving as his wife had recently passed. Him like a lot of my student friends will not be able to afford to do it with these new costs suggested.

When considering this bill I urge you to think about people like me and my friends who rely on the safety, affordability and convenience of Uber. I would be very disheartened if I was to hear that these extra cots on drivers come into play.

Kind regards,
Storm Ariho.