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Dear sir/madam,

I will never be able to totally detail my story and the affect deregulation has had on my life;

Let's just detail some bullet points and call them Uber BC and Uber AD.

Uber BC:

1. \$ 750k of bookings in the company Diary.
2. Worked to build this business from scratch starting in February of 1999.
3. 3 cars and 3 VHA licences.
4. 3 drivers enjoying good earnings and steady work.
5. 3 houses.
6. A beautiful wife and 2 daughters, nothing short of a wonderful family.
7. A comfortable income and lifestyle for a family in middle class Vic.
8. Regular holidays with my family.

Uber AD:

1. Legacy debt of over 60k even after Govt compensation payout. Paid off this legacy debt by selling houses.
2. 3 worthless VHA licences. Only one is on a car and operating. No income for over 2 years.
3. Less than \$ 100k in bookings through the company diary.
4. A completely worthless business unable to support even one person.
5. A spontaneous arterial dissection and 3 Strokes in 2014 from financial stress as Uber's illegal operation all but destroyed my business
6. Unable to work as a result of a permanent ABI from last brain stem stroke.
7. A destroyed 25 year marriage. Family unit completely ripped apart.
8. Forced to sell all our houses and I now live with my elderly mother in the country.
9. No income from the VHA business. Ended up selling just the customer base for \$4k
10. Have very little super, no savings and no longer contribute any employment or even Tax revenue for Victorian Govt.
11. Am now a burden on Taxpayers whilst I retrain to possibly work 20 hours per week.
12. At 55 years old my life and future have been destroyed. I have no money to buy a house, no employment prospects and no safety or security forseeable in my life.

If you have any questions about my individual case I am more than happy to testify before the committee.

I personally witnessed UBER staff blatantly breaking the law soliciting in the TAXI rank at Caulfield Races in October 2013. I videoed the staff encouraging patrons to download the app and openly discussing that they had vehicles waiting to provide rides. These vehicles were located just 150-200 metres from the Taxi rank and staff were calling the individual driver on their phones when taxi patrons accepted their offer. Open and egregious solicitation that was flagrantly against the law.

I forward this video to the Taxi Services Commission proof positive of Uber's illegal behavior and nothing was done.

One day I hope that the parties complicit in this criminal organisation and the politicians who with malice and aforethought destroyed the lives of families, businesses and elderly Victorians get what is truly and lawfully coming to them.

Kind regards

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