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To the Committee

Prior to reforms, I was a Taxi licence holder and owner driver for over 40 years. In order to obtain my licence, I had to undergo licence testing. Strict guidelines for drivers, standards for the vehicle we owned and were governed, underwent compliance testing yearly. I owned one licence. Now own NOTHING.

This was my primary income for over 40 years as I mentioned above.

I did not qualify for any legacy payments because I did not have a debt associated with the licence.

I made the decision to lease my licence, due to my age and my health.

Thus, providing me with a retirement income. I spent my entire working years working towards. Your government wants this am I not right. Be self funded, don't rely on the pension!!!!

The reforms, stopped this and all I received was a lump sum buy back a fraction of the licence worth, had I sold it before hand. The amount received, merely went in the bank to be chipped away, the interest offered, well, nothing compared to the amount I was receiving whilst the licence was leased. And I had a principle still there.

Now I must live conservatively, poor really. My monthly income a fraction, and , and, still have to pay tax, on any income. At 85 years of age. This is after rideshare penetrated the market.

Yours faithfully  
Spyros FRANES.