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Hi there

My submission is attached to this email.

Kind regards
Mohammad Hakim Nahimzada

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To the Economy and Infrastructure Committee,

I Mohammad Hakim Nahimzada, the owner and driver of Reshad pty ltd, operating as AFG chauffeur car hereby would like to share my concerns regarding the recent industry reforms.

As a chauffeur driver I would like to raise my voice on how the reform has affected my personal and commercial.

I owned and operated my own hire vehicles. I had one license [REDACTED] for myself and 2 leased licenses. Since the reforms I couldn't maintaining my lease licenses and my own work decreased dramatically. I can estimate a loss of about 80% in my business since the reforms so you can imagine the effect it has had on me and my family.

I didn't apply for the fairness fund as I didn't even know it existed and only found out when some other drivers mentioned it to me, but it was too late for me to apply as I missed the cut off date.

I had borrowed money of family for my licenses and I still have a lot of debt to repay my family. Since the reforms we have had to re-adjust our lives, cut back on spending, reduce educational costs for my children, change our social lives and have been working twice as many hours just to manage our daily expenses.

The reforms has obviously affected my retirement plans as I will need to continue working even after my retirement age in order to have any funds for retirement at all as I cannot save any funds at this rate so it is always in the back of my mind and stress about it a lot.

I am still part of the industry but cannot say for how much longer as it is getting really tough now to attract and customers due to the reforms and the abundance of services that are on offer now. I can only imagine without any assistance what holds for the future of my business as the market is currently flooded with cheap ride sharing alternatives so I think we will slowly but surely die out.

As previously mentioned, I have lost 80% income since the reforms and it will surely have a greater impact than already in the very near future due to increase of other companies and services becoming available.

Lastly, I would like to add our survival depends on changes and a shake up of the industry as it is completely unfair that we have had to go through this without our knowledge or any assistance.

Kind regards,

Mohammad Hakim Nahimzada

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