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Hello my name is Songul i am a 38 year old mother of two. I purchased my first taxi license many year ago in my early 20s. I used to lease my license while i was studying to help me pay off my business. Years later when i got married in 2006 i decided to get my plates back and run a successful business as a taxi cab operator while my husband left his job to become the driver of our small business. Which for year we were doing ok, I was able to quit my job once i had children as i set my family up and was able to raise my kids...not seeing the unfortunate turn the government's actions would have on my family. Since the plates were "compensated" extremeley poorly if I'm being honest. Uber was a threat but what the government done was disgusting. The Financial struggles began, not making the same money we used to due to uber getting a Scott free ride and we as an owner/operator had so many overheads to outlay each month. My husband was fosed to sell the car and find another job i have had to return back to school to gratuate being forced to retun back to work, as i no longer had a business that was mine. A business which i worked so hard to try and payoff only for it to be taken away from me for a price way less then what i paid for it. My dream was to run a business with the flexibility to stay home and raise my children which didn't happen. Like i said now we have 1 income which barely covers the bills and i am forced to study so i can also get a decent job to raise my children like I always dreamed, to be able to give them the best in life.

Kind regards  
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