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How the government taxi reforms have destroyed my business..  
I used to own a mh licence now the government brought it back and I lost money. I borrowed money to do so in 2011, which I was reluctant to do but I needed to do that in order to operate legally that's what I was told by the Taxi Services Commission.  
I still owe money on my licence.

Now these GOV changes have destroyed me financially as most of my clients use Uber or now want to use Uber because it's a cheaper alternative as you know being a chauffeur you cannot quote \$40 to \$60 from suburbs to the airport due to the fact you need to drive there from wherever you are located .

The vha business model now doesn't work, only drivers with long term clients could survive in the short term and I think eventually standards will have to drop.. most drivers I speak to will not commit to a newer vehicle.

I don't even earn enough money to pay my bills because of the new reforms it was death by a Thousand Cuts and the reason being is that now there are extra driver's on our roads who can do my job and it's just too much competition for me..

I'm not going to give into the pressure to lower my prices because in the end I still won't make enough money unless I work 16 hours a day.

Disappointed the government sold us out there was no need to do what they did and in the way they had done it..

I still have 2years of car repayments to make and if I knew 3 years ago that the government was going to do this I would not have committed to this new vehicle..

Believe me I could write another 2000 words but I'll stop now

Kind regards  
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