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Subject: Parliamentary Inquiry into Commercial Passenger Vehicle Reforms.

My mother owned three Taxi licences before the government reforms ruined her planned retirement by forcefully taking them back without just compensation for them.

My mother has a walking stick to assist her in getting from A to B.

We were doing a bit of shopping this afternoon, and she started crying without warning.

She is 87 years of age, so you have got to give her lots of leeways from day to day.

I asked her what is the matter, even though I had a good idea of what was troubling her.

‘I am going to lose my Taxi Licences’, she sobbed, bowing her head.

I tried to comfort her by suggesting that we sit down for a while.

She said she was alright and wanted to continue shopping.

Other people could see her crying, and people wanted to help in any way that they could.

We got the Lotto shop for her regular ticket.

My mother is cautious with her money, and this is not a waste through

gambling; it is one of her small avenues of entertainment.

The lady behind the counter could see her crying.

She has never seen my mother like this, ever!

It upsets me when I see my mother crying.

I intervened and told her that my mother owns several Taxi Licences, but the state Labor government is going to abolish them and pay a pittance in exchange for them.

Her Licences were her security and her way of not having to worry about money in her retirement.

‘The Andrews Labor government are going to take her retirement away from her, despite both parents working and saving as much as they could so that she could retire in comfort.’ I said.

‘There is nothing in the short-term that we can do to prevent the Premier from doing this.’

The lady was shocked by the news.

Other people stopped and asked what was wrong with my mother.

I informed them that the Labor government were doing their very best to upset her, and there was very little that we can do until the matter is before a court of law.

My mother's public tears seemed to be an excellent way for people to learn about what the state government is doing.

I hope that Daniel Andrews, Jacinta Allan, and all of the rest of these politicians, get what's coming to them for the suffering they are inflicting on innocent, hard-working people, who have done nothing to deserve what is being meted out to them by this despicable government.

Sincerely yours, John Candido.