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R.E: NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AMENDMENT
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To Whom it may concern,

I would like to begin by thanking you for affording us this opportunity to make submissions on the Nation Land Transport Amendment Bill which was amended by the Portfolio Committee on Transport.

As the Deputy Secretary of SAEHA (South African E-Hailing Association) which represents over 500 participants in the E-Hailing Industry. I would like to state that it is with great regret that the Portfolio Committee on Transport could not engage or consult with our members before drafting these amendments as they fail to address drivers right to a safe work environment but wants to regulate where and how he/she should move. This Amendment bill is not balanced in its representation and it is therefore the recommendation of the Association that engagements be held before taking this bill any further in line with the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000, which aims to promote efficient administration, good governance, accountability, accessibility and transparency. It is with this regard that a plan needs to be presented for more meaningful participation of our member.

Insertion of **66A in Act 5 of 2009** stipulates that regulatory entities granting an operating license for such services may specify the area of picking up of passengers and the vehicle may only return with the same customers but may not pick up in areas outside of the predetermined location. Further more in **Section 4** it stipulates that fares must be calculated and displayed electronically through the use of a smart mobile device. The Act also states that vehicles operating e-hailing bare special marking.

The proposed amendments if imposed will not only represent operational limitations and be safety threat to drives who are already being target but will also marginalize drivers by limiting where they can operate. Restrictions to working areas if any should be adopted based on current best practice which currently is only set to a provincial level.



Uber representatives announced at the last public hearing that there's been over 1400 reported case of violence against Uber drivers throughout the country but the company until recently due mounting pressure did nothing as the number assault cases continued to escalated. E-Hailing companies need to introduce strict vetting procedures for the consumers to protect drivers from criminal elements. On the other side Earning are diminishing for drivers at the hands of greedy corporations who's shown little or no regard for this government or its laws. As it stands the average Uber Driver is working enrich everyone at the top before him/her self. Even with a Permit the average Uber/Taxify drivers works for R5/km because these multinational company are taking their share before expenses, leaving the driver to bare the real cost of operating as these corporates exploit the endless supply of cheap labor in this country from the influx of our brothers and sisters across the boarders who are also seeking better opportunities.

Under the Promotion of Access To Information Act, we would like to have access or be given feedback to reason why an estimated 3000 Permits which were never lifted because Government gave uber powers to influence process and set provision for the issue of those license to the rightful applicants.

Due to the subsequent lack of inclusion in the drafting of this Bill, we herby request that government recognize our association and provide meaningful engagement instead of just seeking to control and regulate drivers. The Digital age present an opportunity for better control of industries and collective participation and ownership.

The current amendments do not address the urgent and very much desperate needs of the participants to come to meaningful resolution around issues such as safety, fair working conditions, decent earnings and the need for home grown solutions that recognize equity and equality. Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you that solving our problems as Africans require that we not only think outside the box but that we think in absence of a box to seize this opportunity to create laws the impower the people.

Kind Regards

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