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**INQUIRY INTO ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT
(MEDICINAL CANNABIS-EXEMPTIONS FROM
OFFENCES) BILL 2021**

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Thanks for the opportunity.

I was diagnosed with stage 4 advanced prostate cancer with metastasis in my lymph nodes and the bones in my pelvis and my upper right arm 21 months ago. My 2 year prognosis is up in 3 months. During chemo, I had 2 haircuts (no hair loss), I put on weight and I didn't suffer from nausea at all. During this time I was taking a strong cannabis oil.

I have continued to use cannabis oil and my cancer isn't progressing. I believe that this valuable medicine is keeping me alive.

I live in a fairly remote area with very limited access to public transport.

My licence is vital, not only so I can attend medical appointments, more importantly, so I can remain connected to my life. To be stranded at home, reliant on friends for transport is a form of premature death.

I have previously come from a culture of recreational cannabis use.

If that makes me a risk, then I should have a trail of destruction behind me..... I do not.

My car allows me independence. I urge this enquiry to seek information that is not skewed by inaccuracy and political bias.