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

Name: Name suppressed

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Partially
Confidential

To whom this concerns,

I am a medicinal cannabis patient who has no alternative method of medications due to the permanent damage prescription medications- fully prescribed by professionals, have caused. For approx 8 years I was prescribed a cocktail of drugs that impaired my ability to function properly in every day life- although these allowed me to drive a car.

I have since been granted a chance of having some quality of life that was never achieved by the medications that were destroying my body, mind and soul by obtaining a prescription for cannabis.

This product has given me the chance to function again, in every aspect of my life, has replaced all forms of medication with promising results, has given me the ability to reduce my pain, to stop damage caused by prev medications, to allow me to work for the first time in 10 years, allowed my mind to be free and non clouded all of the time and I feel 0 impairment from the products I use.

I only use oils prescribed to me by my doctor, while this medication has changed so much it's taken away the only thing I had and that was my freedom, I cannot drive if I've medicated ever essentially, I will fail a RDT instantly, even tho totally impaired on prev meds I passed, this medication won't.

My family has suffered greatly due to my lack of confidence to get behind the wheel no matter how long since I'd taken my medications. I cannot get them to sport- school, work.

This medication in an way is now destroying my ability to life for fear of being a criminal and telling my police officer uncle, 2x brother in laws and father in law that I have been charged for DUI.

I Cannot live my life while this remains illegal- alcohol kills many and in many ways- shapes and forms. Cannabis compared to alcohol and others is medically harmless.

I don't believe that it should be completely legal, I believe there needs to be a way to determine an impaired person. I believe the doctor knows if a product they prescribe may impair you or at certain dosages, I believe medical evidence from a doctor could and would be helpful. I have a letter from my treating doctor even though it will do no good if I'm pulled over. I don't believe being impaired by anything and driving is acceptable at any stage.

But I do believe in fairness, if I'm prescribed a medication for my health then I should be exempt from criminal prosecution if I have traces of that in my system the same for other medications. You've allowed people to make that choice with alcohol- which is a dangerous but legal drug that causes impairment.

Allow legally accessed cannabis to be ok providing you're not impaired.