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

Name: Name suppressed

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I use medicinal cannabis to treat my PTSD, after years of different treatments it is the most least invasive and the one that works the best. I am able to sleep and function, I am not breaking down in the middle of the day because of triggers and I have been able to return to full time work. A roadside drug test ruined my life, I lost my job, my partner and my friends, I became homeless because I couldn't work, because I couldn't drive. Going to court was terrifying and traumatising I was shaking when I had to front the judge, I had never been in trouble in my life. The judge had no sympathy, the law is the law. This whole process re-triggered my own trauma of when I was younger and tried to get justice when I was molested as a child. Once again the law wasn't there to help me, but just to fine me and make money out of my case.

Those three months were excruciating because I also couldn't afford my medicine. This set back has put me so behind in my recovery, I am terrified to drive now, my anxiety and PTSD is the worst it has ever been. When is the system going to let people like myself live in peace?