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Secretary  
Portfolio Committee on Transport

Your request for submission refers:

Written comments on the Road Accident Funds (Transitional Provisions) Bill

Chairperson, victims of road accidents should deliberate on matters pertaining claims and payments due for them. The road accident fund is central to this payments and it is failing on its mandate.

Provision for transitional measures for categories of third parties should also strengthen time frame that passengers do not wait for more than 3 years, and in my case I am still waiting for 6 years now for third party as a passenger victim of accident. I made my submission to Road Accident Funds in August 2008 and indemnity form was also completed in 2008. Officials at Road accident fund cannot get hold of my file which have a reference number and is registered.

The accident left permanent scars of massive spine injuries, neck and muscle breakdown in terms of the medical report. Therefore, any attempt by parliament to pass any bill of transition should ensure that Road Accident Fund is held accountable for failure of third party victims. Each and every accident brings emotional suffering to victims, and always wish to seek closure and move on with our lives.

It is the responsibility of parliament to protect passenger victims of accident from vulnerable exploitation by Road Accident Fund for third party payments due to them, as it is the activist parliament of the people. Therefore, I am interested in making verbal presentation to the committee.

Hope my submission will advance your deliberation on this important matter of recourse for payments of life and death.

*Thanking you in advance*  
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