

Addressed to Human Rights Commission SA

Our nanny uses the Putco bus service every morning to get to us in Pierre van Ryneveld, Centurion. She takes the 1st or 2nd bus in the morning in Pretoria city which starts at Belle Ombre. She is from Uganda but is legal in RSA on refugee status. She is wonderful for our 3 year old daughter as a nanny and we all love her. She gets abused every morning by the bus drivers. They mock her, driving past her so that she must run to get in, the stopping again and laughing at her, sometimes they do not pick her up even when there is lots of space and it is raining and this morning they drove past her bus stop where she gets off and dropped her a kilometre further and laughed at her. They would also not sell bus tickets to her as a foreigner and she needs to ask a South African to do that for her; they also would not let her sit on the buses at times and needs to stand (reminds me of apartheid). She tries to be brave, but this morning she broke down in tears and we felt this can no longer carry on like this and we need to take action. If this is the way my fellow South Africans treat a foreigner to our country, who is legal in South Africa, I am certainly not proud to be a South African.

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