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Dear Grant,

TFL 2023 FARE INCREASES

I write with regard to Transport for London (TfL) fares and the RPI+1 condition for fare increases which has been used since 2021.

I agree with the Government's decision to not use RPI+1 for January's regulated national rail fares increase and delay the increases until March but I understand Transport for London's Fare will remain at the RPI+1 rate agreed by the Mayor and TfL as part of a bailout agreement. As such I ask that this year, while inflation remains so high, TfL be released from this commitment.

July's RPI rate of 14.5% would mean my constituents might face a 15.5% fare increase. I believe it is unreasonable for my constituents to be required to fork out so much more money to fund an 8.4% pay increase for Tube drivers while average pay increases is nearly half that at 4.7%. I am sure you will share my frustration that the Mayor is making such agreements with no plans as to how fund them.

This Government has provided unprecedented support during both the recession and to help people through the current economic environment. It is in this spirit that I ask the DfT to offer the Mayor the option of the same fare calculations as the Government are using for national rail fares.

Yours ever,

