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Dear Paul,

Millennial Railcard

Following the Chancellor’s announcement in Budget 2018 that the new 26-30 Railcard would be available by the end of the year, and its launch last week, I would be grateful if you could answer a few questions about the scheme.

1. How is the new railcard being funded?
2. What implications will the railcard have for train operating company revenues?
3. What assessment has the RDG made of potential take up and how do you expect take up to vary across the UK?
4. How was the 2017 pilot in East Anglia evaluated?
5. Why RDG decided to target 26-30 year-olds?
6. You have said that the new railcard is “a key milestone in the rail industry’s commitment to boost local communities by making rail travel more accessible”. Please can you explain how you will assess whether the railcard is delivering this outcome?
7. What steps have you taken to publicise the new railcard?
8. What involvement did the Government have in the design and development of this scheme and what discussion you have had with both HM Treasury and the Department for Transport about the new railcard?
9. What plans does RDG have to offer an individual discount Railcard to other groups currently excluded from the National schemes?

I look forward to receiving your reply. You should be aware that I intend to ask the Committee to publish our correspondence.

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Lilian Greenwood MP
Chair of the Transport Committee