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Dear Huw,

### **Introduction of a £2 bus fare cap in England**

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the Transport Select Committee to inform you about the steps the Government is taking today to ensure people in England outside London can access affordable bus services.

As you will know, this Government is determined to ensure that everyone, everywhere has access to great bus services. The National Bus Strategy set out a bold vision for bus services and a key element of this vision is to make bus services cheaper. We know that this is now more important than ever at a time when many are struggling with the rising cost of living.

That is why we are today announcing plans to invest up to £60m to introduce a £2 bus fare cap on most services in England outside London by the New Year. Under these plans, a single bus ticket will cost no more than £2, starting no later than 1 January 2023. The cap will run for a period of three months until the end of March and ensure that millions of people across England will save on travel costs.

As I set out in my letter to you of 19 August detailing a further £130m support package to protect bus services, this Government has provided the largest investment in bus services in a generation. The further investment we are announcing today makes clear our continued support for the sector, and sets out another practical step we are taking to support those struggling with the rising cost of living.

We will continue to work closely with bus operators and Local Transport Authorities in the coming months to ensure a smooth introduction to the £2

bus fare cap at the beginning of the New Year, and to support the delivery of reliable and affordable bus services.

I will place a copy of this letter in the libraries of both Houses.

Yours,  
Charlotte

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