Dear **[INSERT NAME OF MP]**

My name s is **[INSERT NAME]** and I live within your constituency at **[INSERT ADDRESS]**

**[INSERT YOUR STORY OF WHAT TFL MEANS TO YOU]**

***Here is an Example Testimony of a London Resident/ Supporter please amend as appropriate!***

I have lived in London since ***[INSERT],*** and I have worked in London for many years, I have a young family and feel very passionate about ensuring I do all I can to support a thriving and sustainable city for myself and for generations to come.

The diversity of the TfL estate means that it is able to offer everything a London citizen and its visitors need from affordable homes, affordable and safe travel to and from work or education and even the opportunity to start up a business. It offers employment both in terms of supporting the network itself but also the thousands of people employed in the arches and station units across our capital.

Transport for London should be the **GEM STONE** in London’s crown!! This is the network system that should be invested in and protected above all its a sensitive and brilliant economic and social eco system, with the right investment, holistic and strategic oversight and structure could be the solution London needs on multiple issues of economy, environment and social support.

Transport for London is the landlord for approximately 3000 commercial units in London, 2500 are occupied and 93% of these are rented by small and micro businesses which I rely upon as a local resident. These are made up of 1800 arches & high street units and 860 units inside our stations. These small businesses are under particular strain right now and the coverage of TfL funding being withdrawn is deeply alarming.

This is a public asset and it must remain so. I urge you to please take action to ensure this cry for help his heard at the highest levels. We must protect TfL from becoming another public asset our government fails to protect and then sells off to the highest bidder at further cost to the public purse! This is **OUR TRANSPORT NETWORK !** Please can you demand a stop to this short sighted and badly timed funding withdrawal and demand greater consideration of all the impacts, people and livelihoods at stake.

I would like to also point out, that all of London can see the impending devastation on the horizon :

**Commenting on the short extension of TfL funding, John Dickie, Chief Executive of London First, said:**

“Extending TfL’s funding until December 17 only makes sense if that time is used to create a proper framework that enables it to keep running the network throughout the capital’s recovery. This means keeping a tiny sliver of the taxes Londoners pay to help fund our economically essential transport network. It also means giving the Mayor the tools he needs to find new ways of funding the system.

“The return of work from home guidance means that TfL is likely to see fewer passengers and lower revenues in the weeks ahead. At the same time those who have to go to their workplace will be as reliant as ever on the network and its safe operation. It is vital that both London and National Government work together to build public confidence and secure the capital’s future.”

**As our elected representative, please can you help me and appeal to the government to step in and help protect us.**