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Dear Clerk,

**Re: Consultation – Proposed Provision of Bus and Coach Services LCO**

I write with regard to the above consultation concerning Hugh Lewis' proposed LCO. I respond in my capacity as Member of Parliament for Cardiff North and would not be willing to give evidence to any future committee.

Consultation questions

1. I agree with the principle that legislative competence should be conferred on the Welsh Assembly. It seems to me that de-regulation of services has not led to the comprehensive and efficient system that is required by the people of Wales and which will lead to a genuinely integrated system. Having some experience of the system in London, I believe a system in Wales more akin to that scheme would bring a great deal of advantages.
2. Having studied the wording of the proposed LCO, I believe that it is broadly correct.
3. I do not think that the Welsh Assembly should be given competence to the exceptions listed. These appear to me to be criteria of which control should be retained by national government to ensure that a confusing mish-mash of regulations do not exist across the United Kingdom and to ensure ease of transportation of goods and people, for commerce and leisure.
4. I believe that it would be advantageous to introduce such a franchising system in Wales as under the current system, large parts of the country are poorly served by bus services due to their perceived lack of profitability. Were essential but unprofitable routes to be bundled together with the more popular and profitable routes it would help to ensure that all people in Wales are provided with a reasonable provision of public transport in comparison to the patchwork of services currently available.
5. As with regard to Question 3, I feel that school transport safety should remain a national issue and efforts to improve safety should be directed from Westminster

Yours sincerely,

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