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Dear Mr Cameron,

I am writing to you following First Bus's decision to end night bus services in Glasgow.

The decision will have a profound impact on people across Glasgow, be it financially, reducing choice, or putting their own safety at risk.

Many of my constituents are reliant on night bus services, be it socially or for work purposes, due to the absence of subway services and rail services ending around midnight.

Without having the choice of a night bus, my constituents will be forced to find alternative routes of travel that may push them further out of pocket in an already difficult cost of living crisis.

First Bus have suggested that routes ran with as little as 14 passengers per hour. To belittle the idea of 14 people being able to safely and freely travel at night is wholly unfair.

I would ask what data First Bus holds on the average and highest passenger number per hour rather than solely focusing on the fewest.

I also note that First Bus say they continued to operate the route "despite facing significant losses".

However, the latest annual accounts show that First Group profits across First Bus and First Rail more than doubled to £82.1 million.

The suggestion that First Group cannot afford to run the night service does not wash.

I am sure I am not the only elected representative in Glasgow who has contacted you raising concerns around the decision to end the night bus.

The weight of feeling in public and political circles against this decision surely suggests that First Bus should reconsider and reinstate the night bus, and I urge you to do so.

Yours sincerely,