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Dear Prime Minister,

Open Letter: Now is the time to ensure our transport network is ready for the future

As the organisations that deliver, manage and support the UK's transport network through technology, we are writing to you today to urge you to move forward with a Future of Transport Bill in the next Parliamentary session.

The UK transport industry is a highly innovative, globally-regarded sector that is leading the way in the use of technology, whether through connected and automated vehicle development, applications of AI and data in planning or smart ticketing solutions for public transport. The Government's support in these areas has been highly welcome and vital in getting the UK to its current position as an international leader in these fields.

However, to cement the UK's place as a global leader, and in order that our transport sector can support the Government's aims of creating a science superpower by 2030, and achieving net zero by 2050, industry requires a Future of Transport Bill in order for the sector to have the right legislative environment in which to thrive. A Bill was set out in the Queen's Speech in May 2022, but no legislation has yet come forward.

A Future of Transport Bill should look at:

- Placing the recommendations of the **Law Commission on self-driving and remote-driving vehicles into law**, to create a regulatory environment for the safe and successful use of these technologies on all parts of the country's road network;
- **Moving forward with industry reforms, such as in the rail sector**, in order that we can drive forward smart ticketing options across transport;
- **Setting out UK-wide regulations for eScooters and eBikes**, so that city regions are able to transition effectively from short-term trials to longer-term schemes; and
- **Creating a regulatory framework for the development of Mobility as a Service**, to enable a more effective and integrated transport network.

We, the undersigned, urge the Government to move at pace with bringing a Bill forward ahead of the State Opening of Parliament on 7 November 2023. The Government's continued support for the sector will enable industry to deliver even more for the travelling public, as well as supporting the UK economy through investment, economic growth and jobs, at a critical time. We look forward to continuing our engagement with you and the Secretary of State for Transport to help deliver a transport system fit for the future.

Yours sincerely,





cc: Mark Harper MP, Transport Secretary and Jesse Norman MP, Minister of State

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