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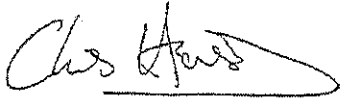
Henry a chara,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 January, advising me of a motion passed by Belfast City Council, supporting the Smart Pass Equality Campaign, for the full fare concessionary travel pass to be issued to all people, who are unable to drive for medical reasons.

At present, those who have had a driving license refused or revoked on medical grounds, can currently avail of a half fare travel concession, and indeed everyone in the north of Ireland can currently avail of full fare concessionary travel once they reach the age of 60.

While I am sympathetic to extending the Concessionary Fares Scheme to provide full fare concessionary travel for those who are under 60 and unable to drive on medical grounds, the position is that there are already numerous competing priorities for resources across my department, and as such, any extension to the concessionary fares scheme cannot be considered at this time.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hazzard", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**CHRIS HAZZARD**

**Minister for Infrastructure**