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Dear 

I am contacting you today in your capacity as Chair of Transport for London, having recently been emailed by a number of Black Cab drivers in my constituency of Dagenham and Rainham. Concerns have been raised with me about recent changes to the **Taxi and Private Hire Driver Policy**.

My constituents explain that new policies brought in at the end of 2021 on how TfL will treat licensed drivers who receive penalty points and convictions for driving offences, are extreme and could cost many cabbies their livelihoods.

Having looked at the policy, **the changes of most concern are as follows:**

- *For an offence of driving without reasonable consideration, if the courts award 6 or more points, the penalty from TfL could be a licence revocation. If the courts gave less than 6 points TfL could issue a three-month licence suspension.*
- *For an offence of using a handheld mobile phone, which carries a mandatory 6 points TfL could revoke a licence.*
- *Any driver accumulating nine or more penalty points will receive a warning that incurring additional points is likely to result in the loss of their taxi licence.*
- *Licensed taxi drivers who accumulate 12 penalty points on or after 20 December 2021 will have their taxi licence suspended for six months regardless of whether they are disqualified from driving and lose their DVLA driving licence or not.*

My concern as the Member of Parliament for Dagenham and Rainham, is that there seems to have been little to no public consultation or knowledge of these changes prior to their implementation. A policy change of such significance should have involved stakeholders such as the LTDA.

In a recent press release Transport for London argued that these changes are part of further professionalisation of the trade, to hold taxi drivers to a higher standard and ensure the safety of passengers. However, I would strongly argue that if an experienced magistrate believes a driver to be roadworthy that should be acceptable to TfL without need for further action.

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I would be very much obliged for more information on this change, and a response that I can forward to my constituents.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

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