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Dear Grant,

I am writing regarding the cuts to Northern Rail services coming into force this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Passengers across the north are already battling surging fares, delays and overcrowding, and in just two days time will face steep cuts in services.

Essential services helping schoolchildren in rural areas of Yorkshire connect to places such as Ilkley, Bradford and Skipton will be slashed, leaving many stranded.

And vital routes for passengers connecting towns across West Yorkshire including Knottingley, Pontefract, Featherstone, Wakefield and Leeds continue to be withdrawn.

Key commuter and leisure routes between Leeds, Sheffield and Wakefield and Leeds, Harrogate and York will also endure reductions in services.

These changes, and many more, will shockingly take place without any consultation.

This is a staggering breach of the promises you made to communities. Just over four months ago in the Integrated Rail Plan you said the government would “protect and improve services on existing lines” and “not to neglect shorter distance journeys” saying “levelling-up cannot wait”.

This is the exact opposite of what was promised.

With journeys growing by almost 1 million in one-week alone in March, as passengers return to the office and high streets, this is completely untenable.

Rather than sitting idly by, it is time for you to step in and stand up for local communities.

Under the Conservatives, passengers pay more, for less. It's time they listen to local communities, rethink this senseless plan, and put passengers first.

Yours sincerely

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