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Russell George AM  
Chair of Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
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Dear Russell George AM

### **WI campaign – Get on Board for a better bus service**

I am contacting you to inform you about a new campaign by the WI to address the decline in local bus services. This campaign is in response to a resolution passed by members at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the NFWI calling for the importance of buses to be recognised at both local and national levels.

Bus services play a vital role in ensuring communities remain sustainable, reduce social isolation and ensure access to employment, education, local facilities and health services. Cuts to bus services disproportionately impact on women. Public transport is also key to cutting our carbon emissions and tackling climate change.

This campaign seeks to raise awareness of the importance of local bus services and to empower members, WIs and federations to take action to support buses in their own local communities, to highlight their value and to push for viable and sustainable services.

As part of the campaign, the NFWI will be gathering members' views and experiences of using bus services including the impact of cuts to services and examples of good practice in delivering services in innovative ways.

I hope that our campaign is of interest to you and please do get in touch should you, or your support staff, require any additional information.

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**Head of NFWI-Wales**