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Subject: Unfair Fare Increase

Hello,

I am writing to express my anger and concern over the proposed fare increases planned for 2009.

In today's society there are far too many people struggling economically already. Those are the same people who catch public transport. To increase fares would be making life harder still. The people it does not affect are those who can afford to drive to work, or are lucky enough to be able to walk there. However, since the proposed increases are for people that have to travel greater distances, we are not so lucky.

When people stop getting paid ridiculous amounts of money, for example retired politicians, and people that actually work for their money get paid decent wages, and transport is of a higher standard, ok, charge more for the service. Until that day, this fare increase is completely uncalled for. Everyday i catch trains that are either freezing cold, or disgustingly hot. The smell like dirty socks, covered in graffiti and rubbish is piling up. And some stations are not much better.

Before this price increase, (again) please think about the people that this will actually affect. Not the people that are getting paid close to \$100 000 a year, but the people that are lucky if they get a quarter of that.

Thank you, Disgruntled Traveller.