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The Rt Hon. Sajid Javid MP  
Chancellor of the Exchequer  
HM Treasury  
1 Horse Guards Road  
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Dear Chancellor

I'm writing to congratulate you on your appointment as Chancellor and to set out our views on what the priorities should be for the Spending Review on urban transport.

City region economies are key to improving the UK's wider economic competitiveness. Transport is a key enabler of economic growth in city regions and a way of ensuring that the benefits of that growth are shared by increasing access to opportunity - be it jobs, education, leisure or healthcare. Innovations in the transport sector can also help showcase UK tech talent and know-how, attract inward investment and help create new export markets.

To deliver on their potential, city regions need efficient and effective local transport networks, as well as good connectivity with each other and the wider world. Efficient and effective local transport networks support city centres with their clusters of high value jobs, retail and cultural offerings. They also support secondary centres, high streets and suburbs by providing them with the access they need.

In the attached submission to the Spending Review we set out in more detail the measures we believe need to be taken to achieve these goals.

In particular, we highlight the need for:

- long term and stable funding for local transport;
- a new and enhanced funding deal for buses; and
- conditions to be attached to any additional funding for health in order to achieve greater coordination of the policies of the NHS with the goals of urban transport authorities.

I hope you find the submission helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Edwards', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Stephen Edwards**  
**Chair, Urban Transport Group**