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Dear Chris,

I am writing to bring your attention to the discrimination faced by disabled people using their Freedom Pass whilst using rail services before 9.30am.

Disabled people cannot use their Disabled Persons Freedom Pass to travel during peak hours on rail services.

This was raised with me by a constituent with cerebral palsy who justifiably feels that these restrictions are based on the erroneous assumption that disabled people are not in work. My constituent works full time. The Disabled Persons Freedom Pass is important because not having to pay daily fares means she can take a cab on those days when she is unable to walk to the station to go to work.

Do you agree with me that this is unfair and stigmatising of working disabled people and what are you able to do about it? I have also written to Network Rail and Transport for London.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harriet Harman".

Rt. Hon. Harriet Harman QC MP