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Dear Angela

Transform Scotland comments on Eureka Consultation

We welcome the proposals set out in the Eureka consultation. In particular we look forward to increased frequency and faster journey times on the East Coast route from Scotland to London. The standard clockface timetable should also make it easier for passengers to remember train times and we trust that these measures will all help to dramatically increase rail's modal share for those travelling from Scotland to the North of England and London. If we are serious about tackling climate change emissions and reducing oil dependency then transport must play its full part and internal journeys such as these should be predominantly transferred to rail.

Transferring Glasgow services from East Coast to Cross Country should also help to increase rail's modal share. This will open up new direct journey opportunities to Leeds, Sheffield and Derby while at the same time protecting those to the North East of England and York. We look to these new services to provide the same quality of service as that to be provided by East Coast and to offer journey times fully competitive with road transport.

Looking to the medium term we expect further Edinburgh to London services to be enhanced to sub 4 hours. We believe that around 3 hours 30 minutes from Edinburgh to London is achievable. We cannot afford to simply wait for a high speed line to Scotland – significant improvements are needed well before then.

Finally, we would hope that these proposed revisions to east coast services will enable Dunbar to be better served by trains to and from Edinburgh.

I hope you find these comments helpful. Please get in touch if you'd like to discuss these points further.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Transform Scotland

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