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The Scottish Government
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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Ref: Bus Transport across West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine

I am writing on behalf of a number of constituents who have contacted me regarding the changes to bus transport across the region.

The recent changes to Stagecoach's timetable is causing significant problems for people travelling from Stonehaven and Newtonhill to the Altens and Cove areas of Aberdeen, more specifically the Cove Bay Gateway Business Park.

One commuter has advised that his travel time has changed from 20 minutes to over an hour with a walk now of 20 minutes at the end of his journey instead of 5 minutes. There is no connection that will get him to work for his 7am start and to take him home after his 4pm finish. Luckily his employers have agreed to allow him to start later temporarily, however he is worried he may eventually lose his employment as a result of there being no viable transport. Other commuters have advised of similar problems.

One of my team has already been in touch with Stagecoach regarding this, who have advised that they cannot make changes at short notice.

I would be grateful if you could advise if there is anything the Scottish Government could do to support commuters in this area, with hopefully the possibility of reinstating the previous timetable.

I'll look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Bowie'.

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