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The Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP
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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to raise concerns about the proposed changes to the Motability Scheme due to take effect from July 2026. The reduction of the annual mileage allowance from 20,000 to 10,000 miles, the five-fold increase in excess mileage charges, and a reduction in tyre allowances, will have a significant and detrimental impact on disabled people who rely on Motability vehicles for essential daily living.

For many disabled individuals, higher mileage is not discretionary. It is driven by frequent medical and therapy appointments, the need to access to education, specialist provision and maintain social care arrangements, and the lack of suitable or accessible public transport. A 10,000-mile cap does not reflect these realities, and the proposed 500% increase in excess mileage charges risks creating a financial barrier to mobility for those with the greatest needs.

I am concerned about the lack of transparency around exemptions. It appears that any exemption process is only available at the point of ordering a vehicle, leaving families to make long-term decisions without clarity or security. This uncertainty is already causing considerable anxiety amongst my disabled constituents and their carers.

While Motability Operations is not a government body, it operates in close connection with publicly funded disability benefits. Given this relationship, decisions of this scale warrant appropriate oversight and scrutiny.

In light of this, I would be grateful if you could:

- Set out what oversight the Department for Work and Pensions currently has regarding changes of this nature within the Motability Scheme.
- Confirm what assessment has been made of the likely impact of these proposed changes on disabled people, particularly those with higher mobility needs.
- Clarify whether the Department intends to engage with Motability Operations on the concerns raised by disabled people and their families.
- Consider whether guidance, expectations or safeguards are needed to ensure that scheme changes do not undermine the purpose of disability benefits or restrict disabled people's independence.

These proposed changes have caused significant worry amongst my constituents. I would

welcome your assurance that the Department will examine this issue closely and take steps to ensure that the Motability Scheme continues to support disabled people effectively and fairly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Manuela Perteghella'.

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