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Community and Protective Services  
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We are writing to you as the London Chapter of the People First movement. Our self-advocacy group works on ensuring that everyone, including people with developmental disabilities, have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else in their community.

Our group would like to take this opportunity to give you our input with regards to the recommendation that the subsidized transit program be changed. Our group reviewed the different options proposed to city council and feel that the subsidy should be fair to all Londoners despite their abilities or disabilities. The only factor that should be considered in subsidy should be a person's income.

The benefits of such a subsidy would be far reaching and would make such a difference on the quality of people's lives. It would give people the chance to get out of their homes, participate in volunteer, work and recreational opportunities. This would improve their physical and emotional health which, in return, would reduce the strain on other systems in our city (mental health resources, hospitals, etc.) We are very glad that city council is taking this opportunity to review the whole subsidy program and would love to take part in any upcoming community participation meetings.

Sincerely,

Brock, Bontje, President  
People First - London Chapter