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Community and Protective Services Committee

London City Council

City Hall

London, Ontario, N6A 4K9

Dear Community and Protective Services Committee Members—

The issue of Transit Subsidy...-

I'm not representing any organization as I am expressing my own opinion. This issue has come up many many times here at City Hall and I've spoken to this issue then as I am now. I really applaud the City for looking into the transit subsidy issue and you the Council have a big decision to make and it will not be easy. I believe that all the subsidies should be given based on income—this would be fairer and more equal. It would allow and help more of population not just the segregated groups. If a person doesn't have a healthy income, they would qualify. It would not favor one particular group over another. If people with physical disabilities, vision impairment, cognitive impairment, or seniors qualified on the basis of income, they would be entitled to the subsidy. It would not pit one group against the others.

I do not want the availability of the subsidy to be capped at the present funding level; that would make this whole thing worse than it is now. There would be a huge stampede to be one of the lucky ones who got the subsidy, while others are left out in the cold. I recommend that entitlement to the subsidy be assessed once every 2 years, not every year. I also recommend that the office managing the subsidy be in a good location and very accessible with ramps, low elevator buttons and automatic doors.

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