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Dear First Minister,

The M4 Black Route is a decision Wales will regret for generations – you can change it to a decision we're proud of.

I live in _____ and I am writing to ask you to oppose the M4 Black Route, which threatens to waste almost £2 billion of public money. I am very concerned that this road will make congestion worse, will work against Wales and the UK achieving their emissions targets, and will destroy a 10km length of the wildlife-rich (and protected) Gwent Levels. As for the question of jobs and the economy, the public inquiry has heard a lot of evidence that casts serious doubt on whether the road would bring any significant benefits. If that is our main concern there are far more efficient ways of boosting our economy, like investing in our skills. Welsh communities like my own will suffer if this project goes ahead and wastes our opportunity to invest in a truly sustainable future for our country. You represent the people of Wales – please make a decision we can be proud of.

As you know, the Well-being of Future Generations Act requires that the Welsh Government and public bodies improve not only the economic but also the environmental, social and cultural well-being of future generations. I believe the Black Route does not achieve this balance or give full consideration to its future impacts, and is therefore not in line with your legislation. The M4 Black Route is outdated, does not represent good value for money for the people of Wales, and will not provide for the needs of our children or the environment.

But it's not too late. There are alternatives the Government can consider that will bring the most benefit for our society and the environment. Measures to encourage active travel would improve health and reduce congestion. Plus a reliable, affordable and efficient public transport network would help everyone – not just those who are able to drive.

I am very grateful for your time and for your support as First Minister. Please stop the M4 Black Route and consider a sustainable solution that we can all be proud of.

Yours sincerely,