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(Via email)

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Dear Sadiq

Waiving congestion charge for police officers

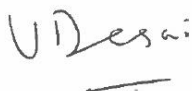
I am writing on behalf of the Police and Crime Committee to ask you to intervene to waive the congestion charge for police officers until the threat from COVID-19 is reduced to an acceptable level.

The Metropolitan Police Service are continuing to provide a key service for the capital and the Committee feels very strongly that their key role should be recognised in the same way as for NHS staff. Police officers perform critical and challenging roles to keep Londoners safe. They also work shifts and often have little choice of what form of transport to use, as well as needing to maintain social distancing.

We have heard directly from police representatives who feel they are being treated unfairly by having the congestion charge applied which they feel does not recognise the importance of their role.

I would appreciate your urgent intervention to remove this charge from our hard-working police officers.

Yours sincerely,



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