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Dear Sirs,

Re: Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Thank you for the invitation to comment on Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme).

The Scheme was announced in the 2011-12 Policy Address. It will enable elderly people aged 65 or above and eligible people with disabilities to travel on the MTR, franchised buses and ferries at any time at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip. It aims to help build a caring and inclusive society by encouraging the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities to participate more in community activities.

I am concerned about the timing of the eligibility of the Scheme to the outer islands' ferry services. The Government is proposing that the Scheme be extended to the ferries in the first quarter of 2013 instead of July 2012.

The ferry fares have increased significantly during recent years and the Government

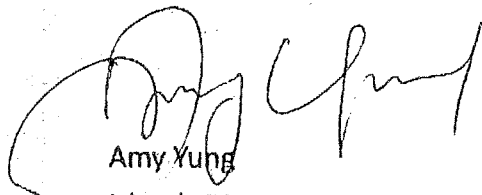
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has done very little in solving the problem. The Islands residents including a lot of elderly people, as well as the tourist industry there, have suffered from the high transportation costs. I am now urging the Government to speed up extension of the Scheme to ferries without delay.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Yung', written in a cursive style.

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