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Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Chairman  
LegCo Panel on Transport

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Dear Mr. Cheng,

We are aware that the Public Service License holders of the taxi trade have applied for a fare increase because LPG prices are rising. The Transport Department has made it clear that they plan to “fast track” approval – without public consultation. We believe this to be a mistake.

We ask that you invite deputations from groups concerned with Traffic Safety who also have expertise in issues relating the how taxis waste fuel.

I know of three groups - Clean Air Action Group, Clear the Air and Mini Spotters – who would like to make submissions (orally if possible) to the Transport Panel before the Transport Department comes to you for approval of the fare hike. We believe that the increase is not justified until the PSL holders add ‘black boxes’ to vehicles to prove that they are not wasting fuel before the increase is approved.

I hope you are able to add this issue to the agenda next week so that we can educate the Transport Panel on the key questions to ask the Government regarding fuel waste by the Taxi PSL holders - and also the relationship between wasting fuel, “aggressive” driving, speeding and idling.

Statistics from the Police on these issues will also be valuable to the Transport Panel.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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*Mini Spotters are volunteers committed to improving passenger safety and comfort and reducing fuel costs in public transport vehicles.*

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