P-04-506 Free bus pass / concessionary travel for benefit

claimants, students and under 18s

Petition wording:

I live in an area where wealthy landowners and owner occupiers have access

to free bus travel/pass due to their age, while a few miles away benefit

claimants have to pay in order to □sign-on□! This is another example of the

poor and vulnerable being regressively charged for a public service which is

essential to their daily lives, it is unfair and unjust. To remedy this unfair

system I hereby petition the Welsh Assembly to set up a scheme for the poor

and vulnerable in our society to have free access to bus services in wales and

concessionary fares on the rail network. This can easily be funded by

transferring benefits currently being wastefully awarded to the wealthy

members of society.

Additional information:

If adopted this measure will greatly assist the poor in Wales to have the basic

human right to travel, access local services and, in addition: improve

environment by reducing co2 emissions. Encourage use and increase

capacity of public transport. Improve emotional well-being. Encourage aid

employment opportunities for unemployed. Aid access to basic health care

needs. Demonstrate the need for an integrated public (re-nationalised)

transport system.

Petition raised by: Mark Griffiths

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Number of signatures: 60