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Dear ,

With the federal election fast upon us, we are running multiple campaigns to write to all federal candidates about the importance to our communities of protecting and restoring rail and bus services, from the West to the Maritimes.

More than 400 letters have already been sent to candidates across Canada, and with the links below we've made it easy for you to add your voice.

Pick a campaign based on your location, or let your local candidates know that all regions of Canada matter to you.

We have also made it easy to call your local candidates to talk about public transport, with ready-to-use talking points and tool that will automatically patch your call through to each campaign in turn. Don't wait for the candidates to call or come to your door. *Now you can call them!*

Phone Your Candidates

Note: As well as running these campaigns, we are preparing for a meeting with the Ontario Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney's policy team on Wednesday. Our regular monthly newsletter will follow shortly... thank you for all your support.

VIA Rail Needs New Trains for the Maritimes



The "Renaissance" trains are rusty and worn out. Many of these sleeping cars will reach end-of-life in just two years, and some have already been scrapped, so the new federal government elected in October must allow VIA Rail to order new equipment immediately to avert a crisis.

Write to your local candidates, letting them know that a service local people rely upon is in jeopardy, and asking for their commitment to investment in safe, accessible public transport for the Maritimes.

[Send Your Letter](#)

Reverse the Cuts to Passenger Trains in Northern Ontario



Since 2010, the Northlander to North Bay and Cochrane, and the Algoma Central "Bear Train" from Sault Ste. Marie have been cut completely, and VIA Rail's "Canadian" has been cut to twice a week, with frequent delays making it difficult to use for regional travel. That's not good enough, and the loss of Greyhound has made matters worse.

As demand grows for reliable, safe, affordable and environmentally responsible alternatives to driving and flying, it is time to reverse all these cuts and reconnect northern Ontario.

Use this link to send letters to your local candidates letting them know that restoring reliable bus and train services matters to you, and to ask for their commitment to ensuring everyone has the option of safe, accessible transport get around northern Ontario.

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Restore Western Canada's Bus and Train Network



The loss of Greyhound buses in western Canada last year left many towns isolated. The government in Ottawa needs to recognize this as a crisis that is hurting our families and communities.

When the last bus or train leaves town, a vital link with the rest of Canada is lost. We used to be known around the world for our passenger network, yet today we are a laughingstock, with fragmented bus services and our few remaining trains sometimes arriving more than a day late. That's not good enough.

Write to your local candidates letting them know that restoring reliable bus and train services matters to you, and to ask for their commitment to ensuring everyone has the option of safe, accessible transport get around our country.

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We need to raise \$2,500 to keep these online campaigns running after the election, and to launch campaigns to protect the Cape Breton railway and the Huron Central Railway from abandonment.

Your support will help us make it happen.

[Donate \\$25](#)

Our membership is our strength. You can help by recruiting a friend to join our fight for better public transportation across Canada...

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