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Dear XXXXXX,

In considering TfL's request for a further RVAR exemption order for the Bakerloo Line trains, I welcome the progress achieved to date in reducing the extent of non-compliance.

Such upgrade work contributes to the Government's objective of making railways available for everyone to use.

It is regrettable, nevertheless, that the completion of the work is not currently scheduled until ten years after the 2019 'end date' in legislation. I therefore expect commitments to accelerating the 72 Stock programme, to preventing further slippage, and to providing regular written reporting of progress towards improving the current fleet.

The Government is minded to support the replacement of the 72 Stock where public finances and other obligations allow.

Yours Sincerely,

**The Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill CBE
MINISTER OF STATE FOR RAIL**