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Dear Mrs Jones AM,

Accessibility of Railway Stations in Wales

I am writing as a representative of an organisation that worked closely with the Equality of Opportunity Committee on your inquiry into access to railway stations in Wales in 2010.

Approximately a third of people who are affected by Multiple Sclerosis will need a wheelchair. Many more will rely on crutches, frames or other pieces of equipment to assist their mobility, all of whom will need ramps and lifts to access platforms and trains.

MS Society Cymru was therefore an active stakeholder during the inquiry providing written and oral evidence.

The Equality of Opportunity Committee's March 2011 Legacy Report stated:

'We would recommend to our successor Committee that they undertake a follow up session with the Minister for Transport and other stakeholders to assess how our recommendations were implemented by the Welsh Government and the impact this has had to improve accessibility.'

We are not aware of any significant improvements to access across Wales since your inquiry or the existence of any strategic plan to roll out station improvements across Wales. Clearly some stations have received investment, but the majority remain inaccessible.

I was therefore wondering if the **Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee** had any plans to revisit this issue.

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Access to transport is a key concern for people living with MS, so I look forward to reading your response.

Yours sincerely,



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