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Dear Sadiq,

CARS FOR UKRAINE

As the war in Ukraine is now well into its second year, I am keen to use every lever at our disposal to offer steadfast, meaningful support to its courageous people.

I was therefore extremely disappointed and surprised to learn that the Greater London Authority was not proposing to support Ukraine through the provision of vehicles that would otherwise be scrapped under the ULEZ scrappage scheme. I gather the issue is that you judge that you do not have the statutory footing to do this under the powers granted to you by s30 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

My understanding is that the ULEZ scrappage scheme was developed based on the environmental benefit of improved air quality that comes from taking non-compliant vehicles off London's roads. I am sure that you would agree that taking these same vehicles off London's roads – and thus achieving the same environmental benefits – whilst supporting the efforts in Ukraine, is preferable simply to scrapping them.

I would be very grateful to understand your view on the above and to understand the actual specific legal and/or other obstacles that you are facing. Pending that information and fuller legal consideration and advice, I would in principle be happy to use my powers under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 to issue guidance on your s30 powers if that would allow you to support Ukraine.

More generally, we are willing to look at all options within our powers to ensure we can support the people of Ukraine with London's scrapped cars.

I am sure that you, as I, want to do everything in your power to assist our friends in Ukraine.

With every best wish,

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