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Dear \_\_\_\_\_ MP

#### CATERING FACILITIES ON INTERCITY WEST COAST RAIL SERVICES

As one of your constituents, I am writing to urge you to sign Early Day Motion 386 Catering Facilities on Intercity West Coast Rail Services and for you to contact Secretary of State for Transport Justine Greening in order to gain assurances that catering services will remain at their current level of provision or expanded and that on-board shops and hot food remain available in order to ensure that passengers enjoy their right to have access to food and drink.

RMT is appalled at reports that the bidders for the new West Coast Mainline franchise, namely Abellio, First Group, SNCF/Keolis and Virgin are being encouraged to introduce cuts to catering provision.

Rail fares are currently the highest in Europe and passengers should be able to expect a high level of provision of facilities such as catering on an adequately staffed rail network.

This is also essential in increasing mode shift from less environmentally friendly forms of transport and onto rail.

Yours Sincerely