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Dear Chris,

My constituents and many others across the North have been unacceptably affected by chaos following the failure of National Rail and Northern, along with your department, to plan in a way that allowed for minimum inconvenience for the travelling public.

You yourself made commitments as to how you would bring some sanity to the rail system. Unfortunately this hasn't materialised. We saw over the past weekend significant disruption because of Northern's inability to work with its own staff and this led to wholesale cancellation of services.

All arbitrary and late cancellations of services cause inconvenience and potential distress. Cancelling the services (from Liverpool) to Manchester Airport may well have caused people to miss flights for holidays or for work.

It really is time to bring an end to the chaos and it is now time for you to make clear when you'll regard Northern's incompetence as reason to abrogate the franchise.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Lloyd".

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