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Dear Editor:

Re: No such thing as a free ride, The Province, August 18, 2010

Transit operators and their spouses do not get a “free ride” as your headline claimed.

Our union negotiated a benefit of transit passes as a result of collective bargaining, much like other benefits many other employees might have.

We bargained transit passes many years ago and like in any negotiation, you give up some things to get others.

So we make no apology for promoting the use of environmentally-friendly public transit that helps take more vehicles off the road and reduces traffic congestion.

In fact, we encourage all employers to consider providing transit passes to their employees so that public transit can expand and better serve Metro Vancouver while reducing air pollution and encouraging people to leave their cars at home.

Sincerely,

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