

Bus service vital

Editor: I am appalled to learn that public transportation funds in Pennsylvania may have to be cut owing to the federal government's refusal to toll Interstate 80.

There are many people in our state who don't own cars. They include many students, senior citizens and working poor. There are many others who would prefer to take public transportation if they could because it is less costly.

If funding is not found for our buses, the consequences for Pennsylvania could be economically catastrophic.

One obvious solution would be to earmark less money for highways. And this in turn could be done if we could literally force more people to use the buses by forbidding single-person auto commuting unless the driver

could show that he needed the car for work (a visiting nurse, a tutor of blind children, a salesman hauling samples around).

A sticker system such as that used in World War II could be initiated to let the police know which cars were authorized to be on the road at rush hours.

I urge all our legislators to fight for funding for buses.

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A letter writer, fearing the impact of potential cuts in transportation funding, emphasizes that bus service is crucial for many Americans to get to work and school.

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