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Dear Ms Jolly, *15/2*

**Scottish Citylink Inquiry**

I would like to record my concerns over the Competition Commission ruling on the venture between the above mentioned joint venture and decision to force the disposal of the part of the venture.

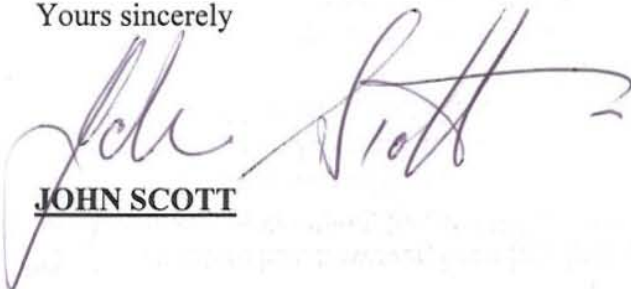
I am aware of the arguments behind the Commission's ruling, which have been well-represented in the media.

The joint venture has, however, been highly popular and provided an improvement to the coach network in Scotland, by establishing more frequent services, setting lower fares and providing essential connectivity. As a direct result statistics show increased use of the services. As you will appreciate, increased use of public transport removes reliance on car travel in line with government aims.

I would, therefore, support retaining the current arrangements of the joint venture, which have clearly benefited public road transport in Scotland.

I would be grateful if you would take my comments in consideration.

Yours sincerely



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