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Anne Jolly
Inquiry Secretary (Scottish Citylink)
Competition Commission
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Dear Ms Jolly

Scottish Citylink Inquiry: Notice of proposal to accept undertakings

I refer to your current consultation on undertakings.

I previously made representation to the Competition Commission on 5 December 2006, and you published my letter on your website with the following link:

http://www.competition-commission.org.uk/inquiries/ref2006/citylink/pdf/third_party_submission_nicola_sturgeon.pdf

Whilst you responded to my letter, I did not feel that you had taken my comments on board, and I remain firmly of the opinion that your decision to require a divestment of part of the Saltire Cross network is not in the interests of coach passengers or Scotland as a whole, and is fundamentally incorrect.

The decision is at odds with the Scottish Executive policy of increasing travel by sustainable modes and achieving modal shift to public transport services. Regional Transport Partnerships are currently drawing up Regional Transport Strategies designed to achieve modal shift, and coach services, particularly those provided by Scottish Citylink in its current form, are integral to this process.

I believe it is essential that the Competition Commission revisits the decision taken. In doing so, I urge the adoption of undertakings that will protect the travelling public and preserve the benefits that

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that the Scottish Citylink network has provided.

As with my earlier letter, I would ask that this to be published on your website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Sturgeon'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Nicola' written in a larger, more prominent script than the surname 'Sturgeon'.

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