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Dear Sir / Madam

Scottish Citylink Services

I am writing to you to express concern regarding the Competition Commission's decision in October 2006 to require the divestment in services operated by the Scottish Citylink Joint Venture.

The Joint Venture currently offers a value for money, integrated bus service which provides a genuine alternative to car and rail transport for commuters. The Joint venture also has plans to invest £3.5 million in a new fleet of 15 buses, and the requirement to divest services seriously undermines the business case for this investment. This will ultimately have a negative impact on passengers.

In addition, this company has sought to assure the Competition Commission that it will adhere to behavioural undertakings on maximum fare levels, the continuation of £1 fare quotas, service levels, and journey frequency and quantity.

Given this, I find this reasoning behind this decision difficult to understand, and I would urge the Commission to reconsider the enforced sale of part of the joint venture.

Yours sincerely

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