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Dear Jim O'Donnell

I have driven your cars all my life. At present it's the BMW 3-Series Coupe. It's a pleasure to drive – powerful, smooth and big. It really is the ultimate driving machine. Even my wayward son Wayne (17) understands that when it comes to BMW, cars are not just about dogging.

Clarkson is wrong to say about BMW that 'if you are clinically insane, by which I mean you wake up in the morning and think you are an onion, then here's your car'. Instead he should recognise what you have done for cars and in particular saving the Mini, which is as much about this great country as listening to Radio 4, eating fish and chips, and binge drinking.

What concerns me is the pressures upon you and the car industry due to all this palaver about climate change. You are expected to cut CO2 emissions are deal with one law after another – the Climate Change bill, the Energy Policy for Europe, and policies to reduce car usage. Climate change is a complete fiction – look at the Oregon Petition that thousands of scientists signed saying it isn't happening at all. Despite this I see that your Chancellor Andrea Marble is using the issue to promote herself, when she should be protecting big business.

I blame the politicians. Dragged from the corridors of committee rooms onto the streets of real life, they would have trouble knowing a BMW from a Skoda or a franc from a mark. And our new man Brown has the look of someone trying to get out a piece of food stuck in his teeth.

What I would like to know is how can you as a successful business in a competitive market carry on selling great cars to people like me, while keeping the politicians in their place at the bottom of the pool?

Good luck to you and your fine company.

Yours sincerely

Peter Shullot