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Dear Giulio Salomone

I have driven your cars all my life. At present it's the Fiat Croma. I like its space, its smoothness and that it has lots of buttons to fiddle around with. It's a great family car that I sometimes even let my family get in and enjoy as well.

I may make my next car the Alfa Romeo Spider that I see you also make. The advert for it is excellent. Hitting your first six; Australia 17 England 20; Fatboy Slim, Brighton '03; Driving the New Spider. Excellent. With a big red car coming towards you, I added, Having your first f***. Of course advertising has no effect on me; it just looks a great car. Please don't be offended when I say that the Fiat slogan *Looking for a new car?* makes you sound like Auto Trader magazine. I'm sure you know what you're doing.

Why I'm writing to you is this twaddle about climate change. It's all in the imagination of self-promoting politicians who are using it as an excuse to introduce road-charging and raise taxes. Really they just want us to get out of the car and get on to the train. Well no way am I going to want to travel on something that's noisy, crowded, slow, expensive, stops at places I don't want to go to, and is full of other people's germs and body odour.

I see that you are developing a green car, the Panda Panda. Last year What Car asked car makers what they are doing about carbon emissions, and you said that your latest developments include gas-powered engines and prototype hydrogen vehicles. So you are developing some things. Good one – keep that one up for the next ten years and hopefully no-one should notice that you haven't actually done anything. After all if you actually produced something then what would it say about your existing cars? Would they all run on cow dung as well? If so, I would have to take my business elsewhere.

Anyway, good luck to you and your fine company.

Yours sincerely

Peter Shullot