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Dear Willie Walsh

Well done on being airline of the year for the fifth time. As a frequent flier traveling with my friends to the playgrounds of the world – Bangkok, Jamaica, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro and Tehran – I know that this is fully deserved.

I'm concerned about the battering the aviation industry is taking because of climate change. The government says that by 2020 25% of the UK contribution to climate change will be from flying. But the aviation industry says it's only responsible for 1.6%. So the government is using the issue to penalise the industry by continually increasing Airline Passenger Duty (APD), which is just a lazy way for the government to raise revenue without affecting the issue it is meant to address. For the aviation industry APD is Another Profit Deterrent.

And it's not as if climate change actually exists in the first place. So the aviation industry and the passengers – you and me – are being picked upon due to a myth. It's just an invention of the green militants. They'd urged us to boycott France (about nuclear testing), Barclays (over South Africa), Chile (Pinochet), Germany (because East and West Germany is now united) and Esso (about everything). They all failed so now the greens need a new cause.

I see that the Irish irritant Michael O'Leary is leading a fine campaign against the government's policies. He is offering free flights to everyone who complains to the government about APD. Why not join forces with him to fight this green scourge that the government is in the grip of?

In the meantime, good luck to you and your fine company. Here's to your continued success as airline of the year.

Yours sincerely

Peter Shullot