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Rt. Hon. Priti Patel MP  
Home Secretary  
Home Office  
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## Proposed Travel Quarantine Restrictions

Dear Home Secretary,

I appreciate that we are managing what is an extremely difficult situation with the current crisis and I would like to offer a potential area of aviation that you might wish to treat as a Beta test site. Clearly, we want to try to get UK business activities moving promptly whilst not increasing the risk to the general population.

As a community we can see that the control of this pandemic is not a linear process and as such we are highly likely to see further waves of infection, further potential lockdowns and perhaps more than one quarantine for aviation passengers arriving in the UK. Given this likelihood we have taken some learning from other member states and we have developed an 'Alternate Means of Compliance'. I have attached that proposal for your consideration. We do appreciate that approved tests are developing rapidly, so that we may see different forms of testing emerging that PHE will be able to approve. Practically the portable PCR testing is not easily scaled up to deal with larger passenger numbers.

Hence, my community would like you to consider the proposal in the context of layering in both the tests used and the access time granted into the UK. This we would look to develop with a DfT and Home Office team.

Practically we are transporting some 130 passengers a day into our network of UK airfields. Those passengers are coming here for business reasons and are primarily existing inward investors, or potential inward investors that can help turn the tide of job losses and subsequently help our GDP. On Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> all that traffic will cease. This

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clearly provides a dilemma and although it might be difficult for the UK government, I would recommend that you consider an exemption from the 14-day quarantine for business aviation traffic. We need these passengers to visit the UK for economic reasons and so that we do not lose any momentum in the recovery of our economy.

I have a team of experts both medical and operational standing ready to look to develop our alternate means of compliance, which may also benefit wider aviation in the coming months and we would welcome the opportunity to work with your specialists to use the us as the test vehicle to develop a working model that can be applied, as appropriate and necessary , across the aviation sector.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marc Bailey'.

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