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Dear [Candidate's Name]

I am a Member of MAG, the Motorcycle Action Group, which represents over a million motorcyclists in the United Kingdom. MAG is also working with the Alliance of British Drivers (ABD), through our umbrella organisation, Transport Reality. Most motorcyclists are also car drivers. Together, MAG and ABD represent nearly 41 million driving licence holders. As you know, most voters are motorists, and as always at election time, you will be seeking our votes. With a General Election due in the next year, we need to know what your plans are for the future of motorcycling and for that of private motorised transport more generally. Specifically, we need to know, please, your personal position on the threatened 2030 or 2035 ban on the sale of petrol and diesel internal combustion engined vehicles (ICEVs) which we utterly oppose. To assist you in providing us with an unambiguous response, please let us have your answers to the following questions:

- 1 Can we, MAG and ABD, Transport Reality, count on your support? Will you oppose the proposed ban on the sale of private, petrol-powered, and diesel-powered, motor transport?
- 2 Likewise, will you oppose the fines the government currently proposes to impose on manufacturers who do not conform to electric vehicle sales quotas –the so-called ‘Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Mandate?’
- 3 If you have answered ‘no’ to either question 1 or 2, please clarify how you intend to ensure there is sufficient zero carbon dioxide producing electricity to power the electric vehicle fleet, what your timetable and budget is for upgrading the national grid to supply this energy, and what specific, technical plans you have to ensure that the manufacture of electric vehicles no longer generates more CO₂ than its petrol and diesel equivalents – which is currently the case.

We, motorists, voters, already pay billions of Pounds in sundry forms of vehicle-related taxation, such as Vehicle Excise Duty, Value Added Tax, Car Tax, Fuel Duty, road and bridge tolls, parking and ULEZ charges, and other such demands. In return for these ever-increasing demands though, and the ever more oppressive burden of all forms of taxation, we receive an ever-diminishing quality and quantity of public services of all kinds. Now, to make things worse, despite all we pay, misguided policymakers are proposing, through bans on the sale of internal combustion engine-powered vehicles

(ICEVs), to worsen our quality of life, take away our freedom to choose the kind of vehicles we drive, and to make our lives harder and less enjoyable in every respect.

Banning the sale of ICEVs to private individuals will be financially crippling for the majority of the population. It will reduce living standards, worsen personal indebtedness, and hamper upward social mobility. It will also hurt businesses and the UK economy by reducing labour mobility. You are asking us to suffer all of this in order to achieve a maximum and utterly pointless reduction in global emissions by an estimated 0.003%. On a cost-benefit analysis alone, the plan does not work.

You seem to be overlooking the fact that we, motorists, are the people who make the UK economically viable. We are the people who go to work, who start and run businesses, who generate wealth, and who provide the services of every kind that make life liveable. We also pay your salaries and those of the civil service, for now at any rate. We therefore need to know which parties, and which individual candidates, are our friends. We need to know who will oppose the ICEV ban and who will, just as importantly, oppose the hostile and coercive ZEV Mandate to fine manufacturers who do not sell the required percentage of electric vehicles.

Just as we motorist voters need to know on whose support we can count, we likewise need to know who those candidates are who want to change our lives in a way to which we do not consent. Just so we are clear, we do not consent to any ban on the purchase of ICEVs, or any coercive measures aimed at making ICEVs non-viable for private citizens, in 2030, 2035, or ever.

Transport Reality will urge all voters to only support candidates who oppose the ICEV ban, be it scheduled for 2030, 2035, or any other date. I, personally, will not vote for any candidate who supports removing my freedom of choice of motor vehicle or other measures aimed at worsening my quality of life, and I shall encourage everyone I know to do the same.

I thank you in anticipation, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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