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*Dear Mr. McAuslan,*

I recently received a letter from a constituent Mr Hoyte, Chairman of the Aerotoxic Association. I enclose the letter for your own records. I believe he has contacted you directly regarding BALPA's responsibility for representing pilots affected by contaminated air on airliners.

An April 2005 press release from an international conference on contaminated air protection clearly indicated your organisation's commitment to addressing this subject. Could you tell me what measures BALPA has in place to draw attention to this issue amongst members?

Mr Hoyte has expressed serious concerns that emails containing professional advice on contaminated air have not been forwarded to members and that the website is devoid of any relevant detail. I would appreciate some reassurance that your organisation is making members aware of any potential risk that they might incur.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

*John Maples*