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Dear Jim,

15<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

I imagine you are aware that the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BALPA-sponsored Air Safety and Cabin Air Quality international Aero Industry Conference is due on 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> April.

I speak for many BALPA members when we say that we are disappointed by BALPA's subsequent handling of this serious issue following your own clear conclusions at the time.

It is disappointing to learn for example, that BALPA now say that "there is no evidence at present for a link to long term health effects but research concerning fume events continues", – a diametrically opposite view of your earlier conclusion.

I am obviously aware of the ongoing Cranfield DfT research which you stated should be "Free of bias from vested interests that are so skilful at obscuring the issue".

In your 2005 statement you said that we need "to work towards the common goal of researching and collecting together the scientific and medical data relating to contaminated air and to work with the industry to identify solutions for this problem".

I founded the Aerotoxic Association in June 2007 to address many of the above issues and have been particularly concerned about:

- Not being able to pay to advertise the Association in the BALPA Log.
- Or have articles published in the BALPA Log.

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- both of which may have prevented past and present sick members from understanding or identifying their serious ill health. I refer to the Objects of BALPA, (Rule 3.1.2) about advising members on all commercial, scientific, educational and technical matters relating to air transport.

The Aerotoxic Association has amassed a large amount information with regard to contaminated cabin air, and it is somewhat concerning to find the details of the BALPA CAQ 2005 conference on our web site [www.aerotoxic.org](http://www.aerotoxic.org) but no reference to it ever having happened anywhere on BALPA's web site.

I am fully aware of the sensitivities of this subject but I believe we should be able to work better together by pooling resources and information to achieve your earlier goals, but most importantly, to serve your paying members better in the future.

Would it be possible to meet you soon so that we can discuss this issue and jointly decide a way forward?

Yours sincerely,

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