Dear [Member of Parliament],

**Speak up for Travel!**

I am writing to you today to urge you to Speak up for Travel by supporting a safe, affordable return to international travel in time for the peak summer period.

International travel connects Wales to the world, enabling Welsh residents to travel overseas, whether on business, for holidays, or to reunite families and friends. It also facilitates people to visit our shores, whether for business of pleasure, boosting tourism and trade, and supporting tens of thousands of jobs across the nation in our travel, hospitality, and leisure industries.

A safe restart to international travel is possible, and can be achieved at the same time as the domestic reopening. Our world leading vaccination programme, and the measures put in place at the border, mean we can safely reopen for international travel. I am asking you to support the travel industry’s call on the Welsh Government, and the UK Government, to:

* **Allow international travel to return safely and in a risk managed way by properly implementing the traffic-light system**, expanding the green list in line with the latest evidence and data, and ensuring restrictions are proportionate, whilst keeping a strong red list to guard against variants.
* **Bring forward a package of tailored financial support, including extension of furlough support**, recognising that the travel sector’s ability to trade and generate income is much slower than first anticipated and more gradual than for businesses in the domestic economy.

We are asking you to Speak Up for Travel now to help to ensure the sector can act as a driving force in the long-term economic recovery of Wales and the UK, and I hope you will consider lending your support. On Wednesday 23 June, the Travel industry across the UK is coming together for a ‘Day of Action’. I hope you will consider meeting with me on 23 June, virtually, to discuss the challenges that still need to be addressed to save our industry and jobs in travel.

Yours sincerely,

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