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Dear Mr Quill,

I started work in the railway industry in 1977 and still work in it. I have witnessed a lot changes and many value for money ideas that came and went.

The Clapham Junction train crash is one that sticks in my mind, and the first hand account told to me of heads, legs and arms scattered about the scene. I remember the preceding cutbacks in preparation for privatisation.

The potential for increased on-rail competition - a consultation document, fills me with dread. The concept will not save money, due to more fragmentation. Experience tells me your consultation period is a sham and you will press ahead with your scheme regardless. The government has probably instructed you so. I prophesy to you, this idea will take the rail industry into the abyss.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "P Kirk". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.