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Dear First Minister,

We were very encouraged by your announcement this week of an additional £500 million to develop Scotland's offshore wind supply chain, unlocking private investment and creating high-quality, sustainable jobs.

As you are aware from previous engagement with Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce, we are Scotland's largest business chamber with the highest number of energy supply chain companies amongst our 1,200+ member organisations.

Your commitment this week to deliver net zero in a just and fair way, in which no-one in the energy workforce and the communities they support is left behind, is most welcome and will bring comfort to the sector and to the wider North-east Scotland region.

We would be very keen to share our insight and the experience of the businesses we represent as the detail of this £500 million fund is developed over the months ahead.

AGCC would happily provide our advice on how this funding can be deployed to maximum effect and in a way that ensures best return on investment for the government. We would also be very happy to convene a roundtable with key partners in the existing supply chain, for them to share insight on how their expertise and workforce can be redeployed to sustain jobs in the offshore wind supply chain in the years ahead.

We look forward to continued engagement on these important issues for our region and for Scotland.

Yours sincerely,



Russell Borthwick  
**Chief Executive**