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Rt Hon Humza Yousaf MSP  
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Dear First Minister,

We were encouraged to see your government's positive and constructive response to the announcement by the UK Government to bring over 200 Department for Energy Security and Net Zero jobs to Aberdeen.

Basing these roles in our region makes an abundance of sense given that Aberdeen will be the engine which drives forward the UK's energy transition over the coming decades, with the critical mass of people, skills, supply chain companies and world-leading academic institutions already located here.

Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce recently hosted the leaders of the UK and Scottish Labour parties who gave us much cause for optimism that they intend to headquarter their proposed publicly-owned energy company 'Great British Energy' in Aberdeen, if they form the next government at Westminster.

Given your stated intention to transform our region from Europe's oil and gas capital to the 'Net Zero Capital of the World', we would be very keen to explore options to redeploy civil service jobs in relevant Scottish Government directorates to the North East.

Relocating these roles to this region would ensure that they sit right at the heart of the industry ecosystem which can work in partnership with government to decarbonise our country and create a thriving net zero economy.

We look forward to engaging with you and your officials on this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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