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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

In the Climate Change Committee's recent Scottish Emissions Targets report we recommended that Scotland's annual greenhouse gas emissions targets should be adjusted in the 2020s. You wrote to us to explain that this would require a change to the legislated 2020 target from the current reduction of 56% to the corresponding reduction of 48.5% compared to baseline levels, to make the emissions estimation methodology consistent with that expected to be used for the forthcoming annual targets.

We support the modification of the 2020 interim target in this way, on the basis that it reflects a change in international carbon reporting practice.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Stark".

Chris Stark
Chief Executive of the Climate Change Committee