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Dear Minister Jones,

We are writing in response to your request for our advice on expanding the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) to include engineered greenhouse gas removals (GGRs).

The Committee recommends that these are added to the ETS. This should ensure reliable demand for engineered removals over time while also providing a mechanism for sectors with residual emissions to cover the cost of offsetting these with removals. This would be consistent with the role and funding of removals set out in our recent advice report on the Seventh Carbon Budget. It would also complement the Department's work on business models to support GGRs.

In doing so, we recommend that the Government seeks to maintain alignment as far as possible with any proposals for equivalent changes to the EU ETS, so as to keep open options for linking the two markets in future.

I would happily meet with you to follow up any points for discussion.

We are reviewing evidence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and Minister Creagh, so our decision on woodland GGRs is to follow.

Yours sincerely,



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