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Dear Lord Deben,

I am writing to update the Committee on Climate Change on the Scottish Government's arrangements for updating the Climate Change Plan, and to formally request advice.

In light of the global, public health crisis that has arisen in the form of COVID-19, the shock to the economy and the emergency measures requiring us to focus resources on the immediate response, I have come to the view that updating the Climate Change Plan for the end of April is no longer practical.

Work on our ambitious plan will continue, recognising that we are operating in a changed landscape. The Climate Change Plan update will be recast to articulate a 'green pathway' to aid an economic recovery that is in line with Scotland's statutory climate change targets, including reaching net zero emissions by 2045.

In this context, I would like to request the Committee's advice on a green recovery for Scotland. My officials stand ready to discuss the details of this request further with your secretariat. In particular, I appreciate that the most appropriate timescale and format for the preparation and delivery of such advice may not become clear for some time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Cunningham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

**Roseanna Cunningham**