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Dear Cathryn,

Thank you for your recommendations to Government from the Regulatory Horizons Council. I agree with the Council that there are substantial opportunities for the UK from genetic technologies and it is by ensuring a proportionate regulatory approach that we can fully take advantage of these. My colleagues in the Department for the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs, who have responsibility for the relevant legislation, will respond in detail to your recommendations in due course.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank those officials across Government that originally commissioned the Regulatory Horizons Council to consider reform in this priority area and Lord Callanan, the Minister responsible for better regulation and regulatory reform, for his support for the Council and its reports.

I have made unleashing innovation one of my top priorities as Business Secretary and the Government's Innovation Strategy highlights the importance of the Regulatory Horizons Council in our ambition to make the UK the world's most agile regulatory system, focussed on continual adaptation to new products and technologies. The right regulatory system is critical for unlocking cutting-edge technologies, boosting competition, easing burdens, and cutting red tape while continuing to maintain the highest safety and environmental standards. Our exit from the EU provides the perfect opportunity to achieve this for the products of genetic technologies.

I now look forward to your upcoming recommendations on drones, and regulatory reform for pro-innovation regulatory principles. I am also eager to support your planned work later this year on neurotechnology, AI in healthcare, and hydrogen.

Yours sincerely,

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