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Dear Cathryn,

Thank you for the first recommendations to Government from the Regulatory Horizons Council. I found this report on the regulation of fusion energy very interesting and I attach our response on its findings, prepared by my colleague Amanda Solloway, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Science, Research and Innovation, who is responsible for fusion energy policy. I agree with the Council that there are substantial opportunities for the UK from fusion energy and it is by ensuring a proportionate regulatory approach that we can fully take advantage of these.

I have also discussed the report with Lord Callanan, the Minister responsible for better regulation and regulatory reform. As you are aware, he is very supportive of the work of the Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his assistance with the appointments process for the Council, his advice to yourself and the other members, and the engagement he has facilitated for the RHC.

I have made unleashing innovation one of my top priorities as Business Secretary and the Government's Plan for Growth explains that the work of the Regulatory Horizons Council is a key part of modernising our approach to regulatory reform. The right regulatory system is critical for unlocking cutting-edge technologies, boosting competition, easing burdens, and cutting red tape.

I now look forward to your upcoming recommendations on regulatory reform for genetic technologies, medical devices, and remotely piloted aircraft systems. I am also eager to support your planned work later this year on pro-innovation regulatory principles, neurotechnology, AI in healthcare, and hydrogen.

Yours sincerely,

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