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Dear John,

I would like to thank you for your continued support for, and efforts towards, the success of a unique and ambitious Borderlands Growth Deal.

The deal has the potential to drive local growth and productivity across the entire region. To achieve this it is vital that the UK Government, Scottish Government, local authorities and Borderlands communities work collaboratively to shape the strategic vision and ensure that any Government investments has the maximum impact for key sectors in the region.

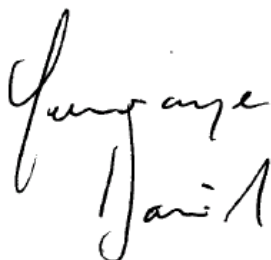
To support this, I would like to invite you to become a champion for the Borderlands Growth Deal. This would further your involvement in the initiative, namely being an advocate for the deal with private businesses across the English local authorities area of the Borderlands. Your role will be to help drive forward the deal and encourage collaboration between Carlisle, Cumbria and Northumberland. In addition, the Secretary of State for Scotland will liaise with you regarding handling in the South of Scotland.

As part of the role, I envisage that you would:

- Champion a vision for the region with stakeholders including English local authorities, local councillors and MPs on a cross-party basis, local enterprise partnerships and local businesses;
- Gather intelligence on local issues and update Government to help deliver this vision in a way that is locally informed;

- Attend events and meetings, along with local stakeholders and ministers as appropriate, to promote the deal or projects; and
- Carry out media engagements to promote the Borderlands deal.

I do hope you will accept this invitation to be the champion for this growth deal which will seek to transform the Borderlands economy, contribute to the success of the Northern Powerhouse and deliver for the UK's economy.

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