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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Graham,

Thank you for your letter and your service. I understand your desire to step down as a Minister. These jobs are all-consuming and you have served in Government almost continuously since 2016.


You have been a dedicated Minister and have helped this country lead the way in developing clean, green and secure sources of energy. You have played a crucial role in making sure that this country and our industries are well prepared for the growth opportunities that the energy transition will provide. You have also been a great help in our development of a pragmatic, proportionate and realistic approach to reaching our Net Zero targets.

I know you are a committed environmentalist and that you have brought that passion to your role as Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero. You can be very proud of the role you have played in getting the UK halfway to Net Zero, having reduced our emissions further and faster than any other major economy.

You founded the Net Zero Council, which has brought together government and business leaders to develop pathways for industry to transition to a low carbon future. You have led the highly technical work on the Review of Electricity Market Arrangements which is vital for developing a secure and low-cost electricity system for the decades ahead. And I am grateful for your efforts in taking the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill through the Commons, which will enhance our energy security, protect jobs and tax receipts, and limit our dependence on higher-carbon imports from overseas.

Internationally, you have been vital to our diplomatic efforts to build global support for Net Zero by 2050. I will always be grateful to you for your efforts at the COP summits where you have advanced the British position with skill and distinction. You can also be proud of the landmark agreement on renewable energy cooperation you signed with the North Seas Energy Cooperation Group of European nations.

I thank you for your service and support and I know that you will continue to be a great champion for Beverley and Holderness.

Yours sincerely,


The Right Honourable Graham Stuart MP