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Alex Sobel MP
Chair of the Net Zero APPG,
House of Commons,
London,
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Dear Alex,

NET ZERO ACTION PLAN

Thank you for your letter of the 21st July laying out a 10-point Net Zero Review Action Plan.

As I said in my Summer Update speech last month, this Government takes its environmental responsibilities very seriously and is committed to a green recovery. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, and before, we have developed policy addressing a number of the priorities outlined by your 10-point plan.

And, as part of our commitment to build back better, the Government will be making additional announcements very soon that further demonstrate our determination to build back greener.

Earlier in the year we announced £800 million to support Carbon Capture and Storage in at least two industrial clusters, a vital technology that will help some of our hardest to abate sectors to decarbonise, whilst helping to level up the nation.

We are also committed to transforming our transport sector, committing over £1 billion to promote the uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles, including up to £500 million to support the rollout of a super-fast charging network. More recently we announced £2 billion to make it easier to cycle and walk.

And, since the outbreak of Covid-19, we have put climate at the heart of our recovery. In recognition of the need to support workers into low carbon industries, we have created Skills Advisory Panels that can advise local areas how to transfer to low-carbon industries. We have ensured that any company receiving financial support as a Last Resort Business Intervention will be expected to commit to ambitious conditions on Net Zero targets.

At the Summer Economic Update we went further still. We announced £3.05 billion in housing decarbonisation to cut bills, cut carbon, and create jobs, and we strengthened R&D funding for revolutionary decarbonisation technology by dedicating £100 million towards Direct Air Capture technologies to support our Net Zero target.

This Government remains committed to building a strong economy ready for our Net Zero future. Our Net Zero Review will be published in Spring next year, and will focus on the costs and routes to achieving this goal.

I look forward to working with the APPG to deliver our shared objective.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rishi Sunak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

RISHI SUNAK