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**Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP**  
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Dear Douglas Alexander MP,

On behalf of Scottish Environment LINK, congratulations on your appointment as Secretary of State for Scotland.

We are in a nature and climate emergency. Scotland has already lost much of its biodiversity, and one in nine species now faces national extinction. The risks of inaction are significant, but so too are the opportunities to restore nature and strengthen resilience.

Scottish Environment LINK brings together 50 organisations with over 500,000 supporters. With [92% of people in Scotland](#) saying the natural environment matters to them, there is strong public backing for ambitious action.

We see your role as vital in ensuring that UK Government decisions align with and support Scotland's environmental ambitions. In particular:

- Working together: LINK can provide expertise and public engagement to strengthen policies and legislation across reserved areas.
- Four-country coordination: Effective action on nature and climate requires joined up approaches across Scotland, England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and explore ways in which we can work collaboratively.

Yours sincerely,

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