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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

As we work to achieve Scotland's ambitious net zero targets and protect our natural world for future generations, Scotland's farming sector has a pivotal role to play. We warmly welcome your recent announcement that the Agri-Environment Climate Scheme will be extended up to and including 2024. This will support farmers, crofters and land managers to be supported in their efforts to manage their land for the benefit of nature and the climate.

The way we manage our farmland is vitally important to meeting Scotland's climate targets and to achieve the government's environmental goals we need to see a diversity of farming practices. We are writing to warmly invite you to visit a working organic farm, Monzie Farm at Blair Atholl run by Rory Cameron, and to meet with members of Scottish Environment LINK and Scottish Farming and Wildlife Advisers' Group to find out more about the sustainable farming practices that need support.

We would be delighted if you are able to take up this invitation and we look forward to discussing sustainable farming in more detail with you. If you could advise us of dates you would be available, LINK's Advocacy Manager, Vhairi Tollan, will be in touch to confirm arrangements and share more information.

Kind regards,

**Deborah Long** 

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