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**Màiri McAllan MSP
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Scottish Government**

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

On behalf of Scottish Environment LINK, we would like to extend our congratulations to you on your additional responsibilities as Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy.

Scotland faces twin environmental crises of nature loss and climate change. Scotland has suffered a high level of historic nature loss and this is accelerating further, with 1 in 9 species at risk of national extinction. The recovery of nature is essential to safeguard the future of our societies and economies, as well as of wildlife itself.

LINK members strongly support the introduction of a Natural Environment Bill by the end of 2024, including setting statutory nature restoration targets. This has the potential to accelerate the pace and scale of our efforts to halt the loss of biodiversity on land and at sea by measuring progress towards that goal. We are looking forward to working with you in ensuring the Bill delivers strong, meaningful SMART targets that enable real gains for nature.

LINK and our members are keen to work closely with the Scottish Government to deliver for our natural environment. We would be grateful if we could schedule our next regular meeting at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Long, Chief Officer, Scottish Environment LINK



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