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Dear Colin,

This week, I announced that it is my intention, with the consent of the Scottish Parliament, to establish a £25 million Grangemouth Just Transition Fund to help secure the future of the industrial cluster.

As outlined in my statement, the aim of this fund is to expedite any of the potential solutions that will be set out in the forthcoming Project Willow report, as well as other proposals that will give Grangemouth a secure and sustainable future. We have made the strategic decision to support this key activity through an additional drawdown of ScotWind revenue totalling £25 million, to add to the £7.8 million in our budget for 2025-26. Altogether, the Scottish Government – with a finite budget – has committed or already invested £87 million in Grangemouth. Funds will be available immediately in the new financial year to support businesses and stakeholders to bring forward investible propositions over the next 12 months, and if necessary, beyond.

I recognise that the workforce at Grangemouth are central to securing a just transition. Scotland needs their skills and experience as we transition to net zero and I am committed to working with them and the Trade Unions as we develop these propositions.

I have also called on the UK Government to continue working with the Scottish Government to explore means of securing a future at Grangemouth, and I will continue to seek the collaboration of UK Government Ministers in the coming months.

I would like to thank you for your continued engagement on this issue and extend my commitment to working with all stakeholders to secure an investible future for the region.

JOHN SWINNEY

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