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Dear Edward,

Scotland's Circular Economy and Waste Route Map to 2030

I am writing to let you know that the Scottish Government's final Circular Economy and Waste Route Map to 2030 has been published today.

I know from our engagement on the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 that the Committee is very interested in the circular economy and sustainable resource use as a means of reaching our net zero and economic growth goals.

As the Committee will know from its consideration of the draft Route Map during scrutiny of the Circular Economy legislation earlier this year, the Route Map sets out an ambitious plan to deliver the priorities to 2030 that will help us to progress to a circular economy and ensure we maximise the positive impact of the new Act for communities across Scotland. It is the product of extensive collaboration and engagement with the public, private and third sectors through two consultations since 2022, with consistently high levels of support for the proposals.

This final document focuses on the delivery of 11 priority actions. It sets out clear timelines to deliver these actions to maximise progress, as well as outlining areas where the pace can be accelerated should the future fiscal situation allow before 2030.

To meet our statutory obligations under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, we intend to publish shortly the Route Map's post-adoption environmental statement; alongside this, we will also publish updated impact assessments.

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The final Route Map is available at the following link:
<https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781836017974>

I hope that the Committee finds this information useful.

Yours sincerely,

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