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**Edward Mountain MSP and Ben Macpherson MSP**

Convener and Deputy Convener of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Dear Edward and Ben,

We are writing to introduce ourselves as the newly elected Convener and Deputy Convener of the Scottish Youth Parliament's Transport, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee.

The Scottish Youth Parliament (**SYP**) is the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people - overall, we want to make Scotland the best place in the world for children and young people to grow up. Our vision is of a nation that actively listens to and values the meaningful participation of its young people, and our mission is to provide a national platform for young people to discuss the issues that are important to them, and campaign for changes to the nation that they live in.

Every Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (**MSYP**) joins one of our eight Subject Committees, each of which takes responsibility for a specific area of policy. The Transport, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee's remit includes: sustainable development, the climate crisis, transport, natural heritage, island issues, wildlife, farming and fishing, and land reform.

This year our Committee has decided to focus on "Improving transport infrastructure while ensuring it is affordable and accessible for young people" as a main priority.

Our Committee will next meet at SYP's National Sitting in June 2024. We will use this meeting to discuss the next steps for our priority area and finalise our Committee's workplan for the year.

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Our Committee will also be meeting at SYP's Autumn Sitting which will take place in the Scottish Parliament from 31 October - 2 November 2024. In advance of this, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to introduce ourselves, discuss potential areas where we can work together over the coming year and explore opportunities for joint committee meetings or workshops at our Autumn Sitting.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together in the near future.

Yours Sincerely,

**David McGilp MSYP**

Convener of SYP's Transport, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee  
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**Islay Jackson MSYP**

Deputy Convener of SYP's Transport, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee  
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