



## Stop Climate Chaos Scotland

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Dear Mr Mackay,

Many congratulations on your appointment at the end of last year to your new Ministerial role.

As you may well know from your previous work in Government and the Parliament, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland (SCCS) is the biggest civil society coalition in Scotland, with 60 organisations campaigning together on climate change. Our members include environment, faith and international development organisations, transport organisations, trade and student unions and community groups.

This is an important year for Scotland's climate action story, with world leaders meeting for crucial UN climate talks at the end of the year in Paris. It is therefore more important than ever that Scotland's commitment to climate action continues, as we work hard internationally to tell our climate story and at home to reduce our emissions.

SCCS has been firmly supportive of initiatives, like the Cabinet sub-Committee on Climate Change, to make 'every Minister a Climate Minister'. As I know you will appreciate, your Ministerial portfolio has an incredibly important role to play in ensuring that Scotland realises the benefits of a transition to a low-carbon society. Transport accounts for a significant proportion of Scotland's climate emissions. It is an area where there is scope for increased policy effort to reduce climate emissions, whilst also realising other positive effects for Scotland's population.

If it would be helpful, we would be pleased to meet with you in order to discuss the areas of overlap in our work, and ways in which these issues can be addressed.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Ballantine  
Chair of Stop Climate Chaos Scotland