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Dear Secretary of State,

Invitation to give evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee and the UK Government's "EU exit analysis: Cross Whitehall Briefing"

I am writing to you to invite you to give evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee following the next European Council meeting in March on the relationship that the UK Government is seeking with the European Union, as well as on the Phase 2 negotiations on the future relationship framework.

My Committee has conducted considerable inquiry work into the implications of Brexit for Scotland since the EU referendum in June 2016. We believe that it is appropriate for a Committee of the Scottish Parliament to have the opportunity to question you, as Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, on the future relationship that you intend to seek with the EU as this is an issue of such importance to Scotland.

I have written to you previously on 19 July 2016, 2 December 2016, 27 January 2017, 20 September 2017 and 7 December 2017 inviting you to give evidence to us, and I would be grateful if you would reply to us on this occasion. I was told by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Rt Hon David Mundell MP that you would come to our Committee. As previously indicated, if it is difficult for you to come to Scotland, then an evidence session via video conference evidence would be acceptable to us.

In addition, the Committee agreed to ask you to share the UK Government's "EU exit analysis: Cross Whitehall Briefing" with the Committee. We are aware that the Scottish Government Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe has since written to you welcoming your intention to make the analysis available to the Devolved Administrations and indicating that the Scottish Government would make the document public.

I look forward to receiving a response to this letter and our invitation to you to give evidence to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joan McAlpine', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Convener
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