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Dear Daniel,

Yesterday, Scottish Government published 'A Fresh Start with Independence'. This publication sets out the renewed case for Scotland becoming an independent country and illustrates what an independent Scotland could look like.

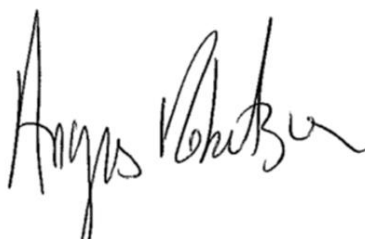
The paper focuses on why this government believes the UK economic model is not delivering for Scotland and sets out a range of proposals for a more prosperous and successful country.

The paper describes the gains of devolution and value of self-government - improvements in people's lives that have been delivered based on the priorities and choices of the people of Scotland. It explains why, in the view of this government, the limits of devolution are being reached.

The paper outlines proposals in the current context - where we are in 2025, post Brexit, amidst a cost of living crisis, and a backdrop of poor UK economic performance and long standing inequalities. It details where Scotland could be with the full powers of an independent country.

A copy of the paper and supporting technical paper on the macroeconomic framework of an independent Scotland are attached and are available at www.gov.scot/newscotland. If you have any questions please contact ConstitutionCoordinationandBriefing@gov.scot.

Yours sincerely



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