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Dear Jim,

## Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill – request for information

The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee is currently considering the <u>Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill</u>. The Bill contains a number of proposed measures which the Scottish Government says will help Scotland make progress towards delivering a circular economy.

A key aspect of the Committee's evidence gathering has been to learn of innovative initiatives across Scotland where social enterprises have been tackling issues of waste and consumption by finding new ways to repurpose old products and give them new meaning and value.

We are aware that Nathans Waste Savers has been demonstrating good practice in this area with regards to its reuse of textiles. As part of our consideration of the Bill we would be grateful if you could share further details about your work to support our scrutiny of the Bill.

In particular, it would be helpful if you could set out information with regards to the following questions:

- 1. What have been the key challenges and/or opportunities you have faced in establishing your circular economy social enterprise?
- 2. What have been the key environmental, social and economic benefits to your enterprise as a result of taking an innovative approach to sustainability and consumption?
- 3. Is there anything more the Scottish Government could do through the Circular Economy Bill or other non-legislative action to support your enterprise?

To ensure your insights help to support our consideration of the Bill, I would be grateful if you could respond to the above points by **Thursday 30 November.** 

Yours sincerely,

Edward Manstain,

Edward Mountain MSP Convener **Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee**