Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Stop Climate Chaos Scotland mass lobby on 29th September in the Scottish Parliament, particularly when you were under time pressure to travel to Brussels for an important EU Environment Ministers meeting.

We were pleased with the event. More than 80 members of the public (we could have taken no more, given the size of the Committee Room) came from every parliamentary region in Scotland to show the high level of public support, from across Scotland, for action on climate change. The involvement of more than 50 MSPs illustrated the depth of interest in Parliament. We were delighted that all the party leaders took the time to, in a very concrete way, demonstrate the ongoing cross-party support for action.

We have now published our 8 priority ideas for the forthcoming Climate Change Plan. We hope they are a constructive contribution to the development of the plan. I have attached to this letter a summary of what these 8 priority proposals are. I have sent them, with further detail, to your officials.

We look forward to working with you over the coming months to develop the Climate Change Plan. We remain wholly supportive of your Government’s aim to see Scotland play a leading role in the world on tackling climate change.

I am glad to hear that you will be travelling to Marrakech for COP22 to share Scotland’s story and engage with developments on this critical issue of our time.

The coalition wishes you well with your trip.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Ballantine
Chair of Stop Climate Chaos Scotland