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Dear David,

We note the publication of the Draft European Union Withdrawal Agreement on 14 November 2018 and the Draft Political Declaration on 22 November 2018. These documents, if agreed, will have a profound bearing on the Scottish economy, Scotland's external relations and the devolution settlement including future relations between the devolved institutions and the European Union.

We therefore believe that it is critically important that the Scottish Parliament has an opportunity to scrutinise both documents. To make this scrutiny meaningful it is essential that a UK Minister with a direct role in the negotiations is able to give evidence to both of our committees prior to the documents being debated in the House of Commons.

We would be grateful if you would ask your officials to liaise with the Committee clerks in making the necessary arrangements. We are copying this letter to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Exiting the European Union and the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Yours sincerely

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