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Dear Chancellor,

Congratulations on your reappointment. We look forward to working closely with you in this critical year for people and the planet. We were delighted to see the Conservative manifesto commitment to prioritising the environment at the next Budget. Indeed, the Budget and Spending Review are critical moments to set the UK firmly on the path to delivering net zero, tackling the broader environmental crisis, and supporting other countries across the world to transition and adapt, while also improving our air, health, and demonstrating global leadership. We are grateful for your personal support for the UK's net zero climate target.

In order for the UK to be an effective host of COP26, we must first have credible net zero policies and public and private investment in place so that the Government's diplomatic efforts to achieve a successful outcome for Britain and the world carry weight. The reputational, economic, public health, and climate wins from this are unquestionably huge, but global leadership will depend on strong evidence of domestic delivery. As never before, the eyes of the British public are on this country's actions to meet our climate commitments. That means that all policy recommendations from the Committee on Climate Change 2019 Progress Report must be implemented, strengthened as necessary to reflect the net zero ambition, before November. Substantial international climate finance support must also be provided from sources that are new and additional to pre-existing ODA commitments to support developing countries - least responsible for climate change but suffering its worst impacts - to transition to low-carbon development pathways and adapt to climate change. In addition, the UK must stop all new support for fossil fuels (coal, oil, and gas) overseas, review and phase-out existing investments, and scale up support for renewable and efficient energy systems to deliver universal access to energy.

The last offshore wind auction demonstrates how sensible, targeted Government-sponsored stimulus can unleash the power of innovation and scales of economy to drive down costs in new clean industries. The March Budget and Spending Review give your Government the opportunity to build successful markets in electric vehicles, modern housing and low carbon industry while creating a greener and more pleasant land.

We welcome your manifesto pledges relating to many of these industries. Now is the time to confirm those commitments and accelerate investment to get on track to net zero. Enclosed is a briefing that summarises the key areas where investment at the Budget and Spending Review is critical. This

amounts to an additional £25 billion per year over the next 3 years that is needed to tackle the climate emergency alongside restoring nature - on top of the existing £17 billion that is already being spent<sup>1</sup>.

Supporting these investments now should form the backbone of the UK's green industrial transformation. They will help to deliver on your vision to unleash Britain's potential, drive inward investment in our towns, cities and coastal communities, boost productivity and increase good quality, sustainable jobs across the country. Much of the funding will likely be required through direct government spending, for example in the transport sector. However, innovative policies to help leverage private sector investment will also be appropriate in other areas like nature restoration.

We look forward to warmly welcoming these announcements from Government. Anything less will fall short of the net zero commitment and risk the government's credibility as UNFCCC COP President in Glasgow in November.

Yours Sincerely,

The Climate Coalition

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<sup>1</sup> Joint-NGO report (2019) *'Government investment for a greener and fairer economy'*. Available at: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-09/Government-Investment-for-a-greener-and-fairer-economy.pdf>



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