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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing on behalf of Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) to invite you to attend the launch of the 44th edition of our Energy Transition Survey on 17th November as keynote speaker to share your views on the future of the UK's energy system and industry.

AGCC is the North-east Scotland's leading business support and economic development organisation, one of the most active and influential Chambers in the country and current UK Chamber of the Year. We represent more than 1,400 organisations that collectively employ over 100,000 people.

For over two decades, the Chamber's bi-annual Energy Survey has tracked the fortunes of the region's energy sector, examining business confidence, investment, employment and the policy environment facing companies. <https://www.agcc.co.uk/economic-development/energy-transition>

The survey has become one of the most respected sources of insight on sector sentiment representing views from businesses operating across oil and gas, renewables and the wider energy supply chain and findings from recent editions were quoted directly in numerous national media pieces, used as the basis for many policy debates, and played into Chamber responses to various government consultations and direct engagement with ministers and civil servants.

The latest edition will help us understand what is really happening on the ground and whether businesses are seeing reasons for renewed confidence in the future. We will be assessing confidence levels of energy operators and supply chain businesses, looking at progress with transition-related work and the barriers to this, asking what our Westminster and Holyrood governments should be doing better to enable the future of our domestic energy sector as well as investigating the impact the current situation is having on workers.

We were pleased that, on your appointment, one of your first visits was to Aberdeen- still for now a key global energy hub- and we'd like to personally invite you back to have the opportunity to engage with 280 industry leaders at the Business Breakfast event to reveal the results.

It's not an understatement to say that recent results have not been overly positive and the focus of results launch activity has had to focus on the negatives and jeopardy facing our world class industry and knock-on effects to the wider regional economy.

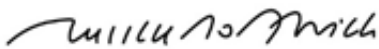


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For the November event, it is our intention to look to accentuate the positives and we will have representatives from SSEN talking to major grid investment and how this will enable the scale-up of renewable energy projects as well as an update from a senior Great British Energy representative on progress with its agenda.

We really hope you will be minded to accept our invitation and look forward to hearing from your team to discuss arrangements.

Yours sincerely



Russell Borthwick
Chief Executive