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**Ensuring a Fair Budget for Scottish Farming in the Spending Review**

Dear [MP’s Name],

I am writing to you as a farmer and member of the Nature Friendly Farming Network in Scotland.

As the UK Government’s upcoming Spending Review (SR) will have implications for Scotland’s agricultural transition, I urge you to support a budget settlement that enables our sector to transition to a more resilient, nature-friendly farming system.

Farming is at the heart of Scotland’s rural economy, landscapes, and food system. However, we face unprecedented challenges, from climate change and biodiversity loss to economic pressures and rising input costs. A fair budgetary settlement from the UK Treasury is critical to ensuring that the Scottish Government can support farmers in making the necessary transitions to sustainable and profitable farming systems.

I ask you to make representations to the Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, on the following key points:

1. **No reduction to block grants** – The Spending Review must ensure that Scotland’s block grant is not reduced, allowing the Scottish Government to maintain crucial agricultural funding and rural support schemes.
2. **Multi-year budget settlement** – Budget allocations should provide certainty until the end of this Westminster Parliament’s term, enabling farmers to plan and invest in long-term sustainable practices.
3. **Greater investment in nature-friendly farming** – [Investing in nature-friendly farming in Scotland](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/2024-07/Scale%20of%20Need%20Report%20July%202024%20FINAL.pdf?utm_source=partners&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=report_launch) must be recognised as essential to unlock wide-ranging benefits for food production, biodiversity, climate resilience, and rural communities.

While the Scottish Government is responsible for how funding is spent, the overall budget settlement from Westminster directly impacts what is possible. It is vital that Scottish farmers are not left behind in the transition to a sustainable food and farming system.

I would welcome your support in championing these issues in Parliament and specifically **I would like you to** **write to the Chancellor, Rachel Reeves**, to reiterate the importance of investing in nature-friendly farming, ahead of the Spending Review in June.

I am including a suggested letter for your use. [**You can download it here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y2IpgySKIe7LbkrnpgDbs9nqIYR0P0mi/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=113428346754028599554&rtpof=true&sd=true).

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and to hear how you are advocating for a fair and forward-looking budget for Scottish agriculture. Thank you for your time and support on this critical issue.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Farm Name]
[Your Location]