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Dear Secretary of State

### **Ukrainian seasonal workers in Scotland**

My Committee has been considering the crisis in Ukraine from a humanitarian viewpoint and the response of Scotland and the Scottish Government. A key focus of our work has been Scotland's preparedness to welcome refugees from Ukraine.

While this applies to all refugees, the Committee has agreed to write to you specifically in relation to Ukrainian seasonal workers. Some of the evidence we heard [last week](#) highlighted difficulties they face in respect of the danger to their families back in Ukraine as well as (and connected to) the issue of their own status in the UK. The two specific issues arising from this and that we wish to highlight for your urgent consideration being—

1) What can be done to help the family members of Ukrainians (working as seasonal workers in Scotland) who are refugees?

and

2) Is there any scope for Ukrainian seasonal workers in Scotland to be moved onto one of the new specific visa schemes?

We would welcome your response at the very earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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Cc: The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities, Minister for Intergovernmental Relations; and Neil Gray, Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine