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Dear Edward,

I am writing to you to confirm we have learned yesterday that Petroineos has ceased refining at Grangemouth. This is a matter of deep regret and I am also disappointed to have learned of this through the media.

I remain of the view that this decision is premature, fundamentally short-sighted and detrimental to the transition to net zero. Our calls for the UK Government to step in to maintain operations have so far gone unheeded and I have written to the Secretary of State for Energy again today to reiterate this request.

I am committed to ensuring that those workers who are impacted by this decision know that their skills are valued and we want them to stay, live and work here in Scotland. Their skills and expertise will be critical as we seek to forge a new path for the industrial cluster that secures high value employment opportunities for years to come.

The Scottish Government has established the Grangemouth Just Transition Fund to support business bring forward propositions that will secure industrial cluster's future, such as those set out in Project Willow. We and Scottish Enterprise stand ready to support business in this endeavour, recognising the limited resources available to us, and call on the UK Government to play its part, like it has for Scunthorpe.

I am copying this letter to the Economy and Fair Work Committee.



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