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Dear Mr Salmond

We would like to congratulate you and your party on your victory in the Scottish elections.

We were greatly encouraged by your work in the last Parliament to make progress on the Scottish inter-city rail network and in particular the Edinburgh-Glasgow Improvement Programme. We were also pleased to see the continuation of the Freight Facilities Grants in this year's budget. The responsibility now lies with your party to ensure that the Scottish Climate Change Act is implemented, so that its strong and encouraging intentions are realised.

In the upcoming Parliamentary session, we look forward to working with your Government to deliver a more sustainable transport system in Scotland. In particular, we would like to see:

- **Development of a national public transport Smartcard**

We were pleased to see this feature in your manifesto and we look forward to working with your administration to develop this.

- **Focus on Smarter Choices**

The Report on Policies and Proposals has already identified measures such as travel planning, car clubs, and videoconferencing as the best value in getting quick reductions in emissions from transport. Given current financial constraints, we hope the government will take advantage of these low-cost, high-value initiatives.

- **Greater focus on the Active Travel modes (walking and cycling)**

Implementing the *Cycling Action Plan for Scotland* and *Designing Streets* would both improve Scotland's public health and quality of life, and we trust that adequate funding will be provided to accomplish this.

We look forward to working with your Government over the next five years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Howden'.

Colin Howden  
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