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Dear Minister,

Congratulations on your appointment. We all look forward to working with you so that the maritime sector can remain at the heart of UK prosperity and deliver jobs all across the UK.

The entire maritime sector is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and achieving net zero. Hundreds of millions of pounds are being invested each year to help deliver innovative new emission reduction technologies, install the required infrastructure and train the current and future maritime workforce in the skills they will need to help us reach net zero.


In order for the maritime sector to achieve its net zero targets it needs the confidence that this ambition will be matched with support from the Government. While the General Election curtailed the planned review of the Clean Maritime Plan, this is now long overdue.

The successor to the Clean Maritime Plan should build on its foundations and include a multi year strategy, creating a technology neutral framework for government support and engagement, through important mechanisms like UK Shore, and a clear pathway to aid the sector in its determination to reach net zero. We are ready to work with you and your officials to produce a credible plan for emissions reduction and urge you to treat this as an early and top priority.

A framework, which aligns with the 2023 International Maritime Organization (IMO) Strategy, will provide the private sector with the confidence that the Government supports its efforts in enabling significant investment in the years ahead generating new jobs and growth, not just around the UK coastline, but across the entire country.

We would be happy to meet you to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,



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