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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about COP26, which is being held in Glasgow in November this year.

I am pleased the United Kingdom will be hosting this conference as it provides an opportunity to drive the world to tackle climate change.

The UK has a proud record on climate action, being the first major economy to legislate to achieve net zero by 2050. The Prime Minister has set the ambitious climate change target into law of reducing emissions by 78% by 2035, compared to 1990 levels. This builds on the existing interim target of reducing emissions by 68% by 2030.

The Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution lays the blueprint for how the UK can forge ahead in eradicating our contribution to climate change and achieving net zero.

While the UK is taking world-leading steps to combat global warming, it is an issue that requires global attention and international action. That is why we will bring together world leaders, climate experts, business leaders and citizens from across the globe to agree ambitious action to tackle climate change. Further, we will use our Presidency to work to four clear objectives:

1. To ask countries to commit to net zero by mid-century, with more ambitious nationally determined contribution targets for 2030;
2. To urgently protect and help adapt our communities and natural habitats from the destructive effects of climate change;
1. To increase funding to support these aims, making good on the \$100 billion annual climate finance goal affirmed through the Paris Agreement; and
2. To close off the outstanding elements of the Paris Rulebook, and accelerate delivery of the Paris Goals through collaboration between Governments, Businesses and Civil Society.

Ultimately, these aims will allow the world to keep the prospect of limiting global temperature rises to 1.5C alive, thereby avoiding the worst of climate change damage.

Encouraging progress has already been made, for example, when the UK accepted the Presidency, under 30% of the global economy had signed up to a net zero commitment and I am delighted that that figure has now increased to 70%. Around 120 countries are committed to or are developing long-term climate neutral plans. We are dedicated to working with all countries to inspire action ahead of and during the conference, including pressing for more countries to set net zero targets.



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Thank you for bringing to my attention the Great Big Green Week which is taking place this year from 18-26 September 2021.

As we get closer to the summit, the Prime Minister has been clear that other countries should follow the UK's lead in tackling climate change, putting forward big commitments and plans including a commitment to net zero by mid-century.

G20 countries should make new Nationally Determined Contributions - setting out interim targets and immediate action to reduce emissions. I welcome that the UK is seeking to gather support and agreement at the conference to eliminate coal dependency; to follow the UK in abandoning UK fossil fuel internal combustion vehicles; for the richest countries who have historically produced so much of the world's carbon to support other countries to go green with funds of \$100 billion a year; and finally, to plant more trees to restore the world's natural habitat.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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

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