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I just wanted to write to you ahead of the rally at the Scottish Parliament on 2nd November. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, I will not be in Parliament next week and so will be unable to meet with members as I would have liked.

However, I want to send on my best wishes for the campaign and to assure you of my support for the union's work. As you will know, we farm Gyre in Orkney and I appreciate that this is a key moment for our sector, one which is facing real changes to how it operates and how support is provided.

I also recognise the deep frustrations that many in the sector have expressed to me about a real lack of clarity in the future, and the need for certainty in order to make some of the longer-term decisions that are at the core of operating a sustainable business. That is vital both for our sector and for the wider communities we are such an engrained part of.

I look forward to hearing more of NFUS's thoughts on these important issues as they progress. My door is always open – both as a Highlands and Islands MSP, but also as my party's business spokesperson – for discussion.

With best wishes again for a successful rally.

Yours sincerely

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