Dear Cabinet Secretary

I am writing in response to the consultation on a new Climate Change Bill for Scotland. The coming decades are crucial to halt catastrophic global warming and I ask you to be much more ambitious, so that Scotland can deliver its fair share of the UN Paris Agreement aims on climate change. Please take a science-based approach and set the following targets:

- **a greenhouse gas emissions reduction of 77% by 2030 on 1990 levels**

- **zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040**

We also need to ensure that **future finance budgets** are consistent with our climate targets. This would set Scotland on a path consistent with the Paris Agreement - to have a good chance of staying well below 2ºC and to have some chance of staying below 1.5ºC.

I am disappointed that the consultation does not contain proposals for new policies which would reduce emissions in key sectors like transport, housing and agriculture, all of which have shown little reduction since 1990. Effective action to tackle climate change will help us become a Good Food Nation, build a fairer Scotland and help us meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

I would like Scotland’s new Climate Change Act to:

1. **Cut emissions from our inefficient homes** and ensure that all homes have at least an Energy Performance Rating of ‘C’ by 2025.

2. **Support cleaner transport** and phase out the sale of new fossil fuel cars by 2030.

I’d especially want the Climate Bill to consider how the farming sector can contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions:

* **A nitrogen budget for Scotland by 2020**. Farming is responsible for almost a quarter of Scotland's climate pollution, and much of this comes from the manufacture and use of nitrogen-based fertilisers. A national nitrogen budget would help to promote more efficient use of fertilisers and a switch to alternatives, such as composts made from recycled food waste.
* **Organic targets for Scotland.** I want the Scottish Government to set ambitious targets for the percentage of Region 1 agricultural land in Scotland under organic management: 5% by 2020, & 20% by 2030. These area-based targets must be matched by commensurate investments in supply chains, including public procurement, and marketing of Scottish organic produce.
* **Strong targets and support for agroforestry in Scotland.** Agroforestry has the potential to sequester considerable amounts of carbon in the soils. I want the Scottish Government to provide support and advice to farmers to help them adopt agroforestry measures.

In addition I want to see **annual reporting on consumption emissions and reduction targets.**

Our carbon footprint has increased over the past two decades, as growth in imported emissions has more than offset reductions in production emissions. The impacts of the consumption of food in the UK amounts to an estimated 30% of total consumption-related emissions. To reduce the true climate impact of our food system, it’s imperative that we focus on supporting low-carbon diets and local, sustainable food production. The new Climate Bill should require Ministers to measure and report annually not only on Scotland’s production emissions but also its consumption-based emissions. There should also be targets in the Bill for reducing consumption emissions, and strategic actions to meet these targets should be incorporated into the policy making process.

Please treat this as a response to the Climate Change Bill consultation.

Yours Sincerely