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Rt Hon Miatta Fahnbulleh
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Dear Secretary of State,

Approve Rosebank Now.

I am deeply concerned by reports that you are considering rejecting the Rosebank oilfield. I urge you to approve the project and provide the certainty that workers and businesses across the North East need.

The city of Aberdeen and my constituents in Aberdeen South depend on the continued extraction and exploration of oil and gas fields. Rosebank is set to support 1,600 to 2,000 jobs during peak construction and provide up to 525 long-term, UK-based jobs.

There are simply not enough jobs in the renewable sector to replace the jobs in the oil and gas sector. I simply do not understand why this government fails to understand this. To deny this project would be to unnecessarily condemn the prospects of many of my constituents. It is cruel, unnecessary and uneconomic.

I am tremendously proud of my constituents who work in the oil and gas sector. We take their contributions to keep the lights on for granted. Many are highly skilled with skills that are in demand all over the world. If there are no opportunities to utilise these skills in the North Sea, then these people will seek employment overseas. This is detrimental to families and the region.

If the Prime Minister wants to see growth in every postcode, then he must approve Rosebank, scrap the Energy Profits Levy, and remove Labour's ban on all new licences for the people and businesses of Aberdeen South.

Finally, I am seriously disappointed that neither you nor your office had the common courtesy to inform me you would be in Aberdeen South for the announcement of the Jackdaw. I consider it grossly discourteous to my constituents, who voted overwhelmingly at the recent by-election to reject the politics of stagnation and division.

I hope you will seriously consider the consequences of your actions should you fail to approve Rosebank. My constituents expect this Government to do the right thing. I urge you to approve Rosebank before Christmas and ask you to confirm that a decision will be announced by then.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Lumsden
Member of Parliament for Aberdeen South