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Dear Ministers,

Our manifesto for the environment

As charities working to protect the environment across Scotland and Wales, we know that urgent action is needed to ensure that the climate, nature and litter emergencies we face here, and across the globe, are tackled.

We are committed to working with our partners, local and national government, our volunteers and relevant stakeholders to ensure that decisions that are good for our environment can also create a fairer, more just society and economy.

It is essential that the next UK Government takes bold action and ensures that important legislation, policy and regulations are put in place quickly to protect our environment and our economy now, and into the future.

We have set out our key policy asks for nature, people and planet below, and urge the next UK government to make five commitments as follows:

- Implement the Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme for packaging, including the originally proposed system for ground litter payments across the U.K
- Implement a consistent, UK-wide all-in Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers no later than 2027.
- Improve leadership and action through setting more ambitious UK government targets towards Net Zero without delay with a commitment to exceed agreed international commitments.
- Actively support the implementation of the Eco-Schools programme in all UK schools in order to deliver on the UN Greening Education Partnership commitments and to work with administrations in devolved nations.

- Ensure that the Internal Markets Act is interpreted and implemented in a way that does not create barriers to progress on environmental policy and regulation across the UK.

We urge you to consider prioritising our asks. The expertise and passion the charity sector brings to developing solutions to engage and inspire behaviour change to improve our environment is often overlooked, but we are here to collaborate.

We would be pleased to meet with you, or to provide further information if this would be helpful. Please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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