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Re: Joint Letter from UK Environment NGOs on the Internal Market Act (Case Ref: LO28503)

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2 November 2023 at 13:52

To: kat@aprs.scot

Dear Kat,

Thank you for your meeting request, I hope this finds you well.

Unfortunately Keir will be unable to accommodate your request due to pressures on his diary. I hope you can understand the demands on his time and the vast number of requests we receive.

However, I would be happy to highlight this on to Ian Murray MP and Jo Stevens MP in their roles as Shadow Scotland and Wales Secretaries respectively. A member of their team will be in touch should they be able to find time in their diary.

Wishing you all the best.

Yours sincerely,

Ben
Office of Keir Starmer MP
Leader of HM Opposition

From: Kat Jones <kat@aprs.scot>**Sent:** 26 October 2023 21:51**To:** STARMER, Keir <keir.starmer.mp@parliament.uk>**Cc:** Anas Sarwar <Anas.Sarwar.msp@parliament.scot>; Correspondence.Mark.Drakeford@gov.wales; MURRAY, Ian <ian.murray.mp@parliament.uk>; STEVENS, Jo <jo.stevens.mp@parliament.uk>; BENN, Hilary <hilary.benn.mp@parliament.uk>**Subject:** Joint Letter from UK Environment NGOs on the Internal Market Act

Dear Keir Starmer,

cc Anas Sarwar MSP, Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, Ian Murray MP, Jo Stevens MP, Hilary Benn MP

I attach a joint letter, sent today, reviewing the impacts of the Internal Market Act 2020, signed by a range of NGOs from across Britain, including Wildlife and Countryside Link, Scottish Environment Link, and Wales Environment Link.

This legislation was recently debated in the Scottish Parliament, during which debate your colleague Neil Bibby MSP said:

Members will recall that my party—the Labour Party—voted against that legislation here in Scotland and in Wales. We also opposed it at Westminster—that makes it all three Parliaments—because of the implications for devolution and concern about the market access principles.

Just as we have requested a meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss this issue, we would also greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss it with you and your team.

Yours

Kat Jones, Director Action to Protect Rural Scotland

Letter also signed by

Eben Muse, Campaigns and Policy Officer, BMC Cymru

Jason Reeves, Policy Manager, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

Sam Ward, Head of Climate Cymru
Ross Evans, Public & Community Affairs Manager, CPRW The Welsh Countryside Charity
Shivali Fifield, Chief Officer, Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland
Kim Pratt, Circular Economy Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland
Liz Murray, Head of Scottish campaigns, Global Justice Now
Jenny Hawley, Policy Manager, Plantlife
Owen Derbyshire, CEO, Keep Wales Tidy
Sandy Luk, CEO, Marine Conservation Society
Deborah Long, Chief Officer, Scottish Environment LINK
Jo Pike, CEO, Scottish Wildlife Trust
Sarah Rees, Chair, Stop Climate Chaos Cymru
Mike Robinson, Chair, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland
Giles Bristow, CEO, Surfers Against Sewage
Margeret Minhinnick, Director, Sustainable Wales
Karen Whitfield, Co-Director, Wales Environment Link
Richard Benwell, CEO, Wildlife and Countryside Link
Alastair Seaman, Director of Scotland, The Woodland Trust

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