Dear [insert name of MSP] MSP

As one of your constituents I want to bring to your attention a [new briefing on a managed phase out of North Sea oil and gas](https://www.stopclimatechaos.scot/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/SCCS-briefing-a-managed-wind-down-of-North-Sea-oil-and-gas-production-in-line-with-a-Just-Transition-.pdf), by a diverse coalition of 60 organisations (Stop Climate Chaos Scotland). I support this report and am writing to ask you to raise this issue with the Scottish government and to encourage them to make Scotland a member of the [Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance](https://beyondoilandgasalliance.com/who-we-are/).

As you will be aware, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has made it clear that globally we are not doing enough to address the changes already happening in our climate. Disasters are becoming more frequent around the world, threatening food production and lives, with climate-related forced migration set to grow to many millions.

At the opening of the recent COP-27, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres graphically described the world’s worsening plight – “We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator”. Even if we burn only the oil and gas in fields already in development around the world it is unlikely that we will meet current emissions reduction targets (as Scotland is finding!) and we will very soon take global warming beyond 1.5ºC. We need a commitment to no new oil and gas exploration and a managed, rapid wind-down of fossil fuel production.

Scotland has expressed its intention to play its part in a just and equitable transition to net zero carbon emissions. This is to be welcomed, but it is incompatible with the development of new oil and gas extraction and it necessitates an early end to production. The March 2022 Tyndall Centre report “*Phaseout Pathways for Fossil Fuel Production”*, which takes into account countries’ differing levels of wealth, development and economic reliance on fossil fuels, finds that to have even a 67% chance of limiting warming to 1.5ºC, the UK and other rich nations must end production by 2031.

I recognise that much of energy policy is reserved, but the linked briefing outlines a number of things that the Scottish government could still do that is within its devolved competence. In particular I would like to see Scotland follow the Welsh government’s lead and become members of the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance. I believe that this would make clear Scotland’s position on oil and gas, set a leadership example to others, and place essential pressure on the UK government.

I hope that you will take this up with the government on my behalf, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

In friendship,

[insert name]

[insert your address]