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Dear Pete,

Thank you for your letter.

Please accept my apologies that I was not able to appear in front of the Scottish Affairs Committee yesterday. As I am sure you will appreciate, diary pressures beyond my control occasionally result in unavoidable changes of plan, however I fully recognise the importance of the issues you wish to discuss and am very grateful to you for accommodating me on 5 June instead.

I enjoyed appearing in front of the both the Scottish Environmental, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee and the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committees this morning, and look forward to seeing you in June.

With every good wish,

**Michael Gove MP**