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Dear Paula and Signatories,

Thank you for your letter of 21 June to the Secretary of State about climate change. I am replying as the Minister responsible for environmental quality and resilience and I apologise for the delay in doing so.

I understand that the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Department for Transport have already replied to you with regard to the parts of your letter that fall within their remit. In addition, as set out in the third National Adaptation Programme, through the 2022 UK Government Resilience Framework, the Government will deliver a strategic, whole of society approach to resilience, including new commitments on resilience standards.

Government Departments will work with regulators and infrastructure operators to ensure existing regulatory regimes on resilience are fit for purpose, expand the scope and use of standards and assurance in the public sector to support better contingency planning and risk management, and introduce standards on resilience and develop an action plan to deliver these across the private sector where they do not currently exist. We recognise the need for standards to also account for unique sector landscapes, priorities, needs, and interlinkages between sectors.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact us about this important issue.

REBECCA POW MP