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Dear Mr Wishart,

I am writing to urge you not to sign the "Stop Rosebank" pledge.

As the MP for Perth and Kinross-shire, you should carefully consider the real-world consequences that such a decision would have for Scottish workers, businesses and communities – including many within your own constituency.

One company in particular deserves your attention: Merlin ERD, based in Perth. Merlin is the engineering partner delivering critical work on the Jackdaw development in the North Sea, employing highly skilled engineers and technical specialists whose expertise has been built over decades in Scotland's offshore energy sector. By signing a pledge to stop projects like Jackdaw and Rosebank, you would in effect be endorsing the cancellation of work that sustains those high-value jobs in your own constituency.

These are not abstract projects. They are already well underway, with billions of pounds already invested, supply chains mobilised and hundreds of UK companies committed. Across the UK, Jackdaw and Rosebank support 171 suppliers, 125 of them in Scotland, helping sustain thousands of skilled jobs and apprenticeships. Together, they are expected to contribute £28.7 billion to the UK economy, generate £1.4 billion in tax revenues before the end of this Parliament, and support more than 3,500 jobs during construction.

The argument advanced by the Stop Rosebank campaign is that stopping these developments is a climate win. The reality is more complicated.

The UK depends on oil and gas for 75% of its energy needs today. We will continue to need oil and gas for many years as we transition to net zero. Even the Climate Change Committee recognises that domestic production will remain part of the UK's energy mix during that transition. The question is therefore not whether we use energy, but where it comes from.

If Jackdaw and Rosebank do not proceed, Britain will simply import more oil and gas from overseas. That means greater dependence on international suppliers, reduced energy security, fewer Scottish jobs, and in many cases higher lifecycle emissions.

Indeed, Jackdaw is expected to produce gas with an emissions intensity of around 78% less carbon emissions than imported LNG. Rosebank's emissions intensity is expected to be around 12 kgCO₂e per barrel of oil equivalent, substantially below the global average for oil production. These are among the lowest-emissions developments on the UK Continental Shelf, itself one of the most highly regulated and lowest emissions basins in the world.

Stopping domestic production does not stop demand. It simply exports both the jobs and the emissions from production and end use.



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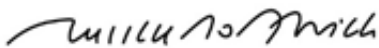
These projects also strengthen Britain's resilience at a time of growing geopolitical uncertainty. Jackdaw alone could provide around 6% of UK gas demand – enough to heat the equivalent of half the homes in Scotland – while together the projects could account for around 10% of UK domestic gas production. That is a meaningful contribution to reducing our dependence on imports from increasingly volatile global markets.

We appreciate that climate change demands serious action. But meaningful climate policy must also be grounded in economic reality and energy security. Supporting lower-emissions domestic production while accelerating investment in renewables and low-carbon technologies is a more credible and pragmatic path than increasing reliance on imported energy.

As your constituent business Merlin demonstrates, this debate is not simply about oil and gas. It is about protecting Scotland's world-leading engineering capability, preserving highly skilled employment, maintaining confidence in Scottish industry, and ensuring that the transition to net zero is managed rather than imposed.

We therefore urge you not to sign the Stop Rosebank pledge. Doing so would send a damaging signal to companies investing in Scotland, put skilled jobs in your own constituency at risk, and do little to reduce global emissions. Instead, I hope you will support a balanced approach that protects Scottish workers, strengthens the UK's energy security, and delivers a responsible transition to a lower-carbon future.

Yours sincerely



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