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From Rory Stewart OBE MP

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs

Dear Ms. Jacobs and Dr. Zennaro,

Thank you for your letter of 3 July and for your paper on key policy asks, which I will read with interest.

Delivering a more resource efficient, sustainable and circular economy is essential if we are to continue to maximise the opportunities for economic and environmental growth. The renewable energy sector has formed a key part of that in dealing with unavoidable farm and food waste through AD. We have seen an encouraging rise in the deployment of AD both in the food waste sector and on farms, diverting more waste from landfill, generating renewable energy and producing digestate for nutrient management on farms. I am keen that we work together to support growth of an AD industry which maximises the waste, agriculture and energy benefits. I would also urge you to include Department for Energy Climate Change and Department for Transport policy officials in your discussions.

I was delighted to meet with your colleague Emily Nichols at the introductory meeting I held on 16 July. I welcome your continued input and support to ensure that together, we can deliver a more circular economy.

Rory Stewart

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