

Dear [Name of the MSP]

I am concerned about the global impacts that climate change is having on poor people around the world, and I would feel proud if Scotland demonstrated leadership to other developed countries by passing strong climate change legislation.

This is imperative in a year when world leaders meet in Copenhagen to agree global greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

So I am writing to you to urge you to take part in the Stage One Debate on the Scottish Climate Change Bill next week, and support the following recommendations that the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee have made in their Stage One Report:

- 1) The Committee recommends that in order to be sure of meeting an ambitious interim target in 2020, the Bill needs to include a guarantee of early action to cut emissions. Specifically, I would like you to support annual cuts of at least 3%, as the SNP promised in its manifesto.
- 2) The Committee recommends that Scotland's share of emissions from international aviation and shipping is included in the reduction targets. I would like you to give your support for this, and also ensure that a multiplier is placed on these emissions to recognise the greater climate damage caused by emissions at altitude.
- 3) The Committee recommends placing a limit on carbon trading or setting a minimum proportion of emissions reductions that must be achieved by domestic effort. I would like you to support measures to ensure that at least 80% of reductions are achieved by real emissions cuts in Scotland, not hidden offshore through carbon trading.

I look forward to your reply letting me know if you intend to go to the debate, and whether you agree with the three points above.

Yours sincerely

[Your name]
[Your address]