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Dear Ms Gaskell,

Thank you for your letter of 31 July, and your kind message of congratulation, following my appointment as Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

I am excited to be leading a Department which is at the forefront of the Government's work to make a success of our departure from the European Union. I look forward to working with you and others to support economic growth for all parts of the UK and to work towards our net zero carbon ambition.

I appreciate your invitation to meet. Unfortunately, I am unable to accept your invitation at present, but I look forward to a period of engagement in the coming weeks and months which I hope you can be a part of.

Yours sincerely,

**THE RT HON ANDREA LEADSOM MP**  
Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy