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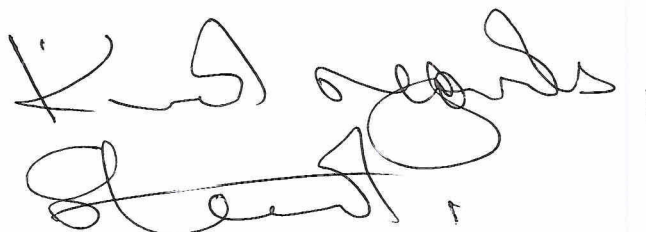
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Dear Patrick,

In June of this year, I agreed to work together with Chris Huhne on making the case for higher levels of international ambition on climate change. With world leading climate change targets and a range of actions to green up Scotland, we are rightly seen internationally as a leading advocate in the move to a low carbon economy. I will join Chris Huhne and the UK delegation in Cancun to make the case for greater ambition in international action on climate change and to highlight Scotland's low carbon programme and secure Scotland's place in supporting international mitigation and adaptation, especially in developing countries.

My objectives whilst at the negotiations are to demonstrate that the evidence from Scotland shows that a developed country can reduce its carbon footprint while growing the economy and that the low carbon economy presents huge jobs and investment opportunities. Scotland has significant influence abroad and we are well placed to work with other countries to help persuade the EU and the international community that a global low carbon economy is feasible, affordable and indeed inevitable, and the sooner we make progress the sooner the world will reap the economic benefits.

I hope you will continue to support Scotland's efforts on this vital agenda.



**STEWART STEVENSON**