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Dear Chancellor,

I am writing ahead of your anticipated fiscal stimulus package next month to ask that you prioritise support for green jobs and especially the future of new nuclear energy as you set out a roadmap for recovery for the UK.

Firstly let me welcome the plan for such a scheme which is badly needed to kickstart the economy, secure employment and minimise the damage from this pandemic. I also believe that now is the opportunity to take some of the big decisions that will be needed to secure a prosperous and just society over the coming decades, decisions which can often be more difficult to take in normal circumstances.

Central to this aim is the need to secure a reliable and clean energy system for the future. When this pandemic is slipping into a distant memory, the climate crisis will be a daily reality for future generations in the UK and around the world. Investing now to decarbonise our energy mix is vital, and there could not be a better time to make this investment than in the wake of this crisis.

At Prospect we are proud to represent workers engaged in the fight against climate change, whether at the Met Office, the Environment Agency or working across the energy sector. Large-scale nuclear power is at the heart of this fight; delivering stable low-carbon energy that complements the welcome expansion of renewables as we move towards a far higher demand for new generation capacity.

A new report from the Nuclear Industry Association released this week spells out the potential of the sector if the right decisions are taken in the coming months and years. Investing in new nuclear could provide £33bn of economic value to the UK, supporting 300,000 green jobs and providing up to 40% of our future clean electricity generation.

However the future of nuclear in the UK has been put under doubt because of years of delay and indecision regarding the funding of the next wave of projects, such as Sizewell C in Suffolk and Moorside in Cumbria.

A signal of the government's commitment to the future of large-scale new nuclear generation in your statement would be a huge boost to the sector and give potential investors the confidence to act and guarantee these projects and the economic and environment benefits that come with them. I would therefore urge you to demonstrate the government's confidence in the nuclear sector when you announce your stimulus package in July.

Yours sincerely,

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