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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter, regarding the future of Welsh steel.

You raise that Port Talbot Steelworks and the wider region requires a long-term solution to deliver sustainably made steel. This Government believes that a better deal can be reached with Tata Steel to achieve this. Our manifesto committed £2.5 billion to rebuild the steel sector, on top of the £500 million already earmarked for Tata's Port Talbot steelworks. This funding will harness public and private investment to secure jobs and boost growth across the UK, and we will be working on future opportunities with the company.

As we engage with Tata Steel and the Trade Unions, we will reflect on your recommendations and provide further information in due course.

Under the chair of the Secretary of State for Wales, the Port Talbot Tata Steel Transition Board has now moved from discussion to delivery, following its first meeting under a new Government on 11 July. The Secretary of State has emphasised that the Transition Board's key aim must be to minimise the economic shock of Tata Steel UK's decision, while ensuring individuals and the supply chain are able to take advantage of future opportunities in and around Port Talbot.

We are pleased to see action from Tata Steel UK including commitment to an enhanced redundancy package and opening of an expression of interest process for voluntary

departures. In line with the Transition Board's developing actions to support reskilling of those affected, Tata Steel UK has begun work with Bridgend College to offer their workforce in Port Talbot the opportunity to convert skills gained into nationally recognised qualifications, opening the door to future employment.

Yours sincerely,

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