Dear xxxx,

My name is xxxx and I live in xxxxx, and as my representative in the Scottish Parliament I am writing to you about the upcoming debate on the Climate Change (Emission Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill. I write as a Quaker concerned that climate change is a huge threat to the sustainability of the Earth’s ecosystems and will exacerbate social and economic injustice around the world.

The recent Special Report by UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concludes that we must maintain global warming to within 1.5 oC to avoid climate breakdown. To play its part, the Scotland must achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 at the very latest. This requires bold policy change and leadership across all of our economic sectors, remembering that this target would also drive investment in green jobs, better services, clean air and more energy-efficient homes.

We can rightly celebrate the progress in cutting emissions from our energy sector. However, we believe we must now see urgent progress in emissions reduction across all economic sectors to ensure Scotland plays its part in averting climate breakdown, and shows leadership on the international stage in this issue.

We also echo the aims of campaign groups like Stop Climate Chaos and suggest that MSPs support the following in the Bill.

1. A net-zero emissions target for 2050 at the very latest, with regular and ambitious interim targets

2. Measures to ensure that future finance budgets are consistent with our climate targets

3. New policies to cut emissions from buildings and agriculture as soon as possible. We believe these will help drive investment in tackling fuel poverty, and sustainable agriculture.

As my representative I hope that you will carefully consider the Bill, and the chance it gives Scotland to act decisively on climate change.

In Friendship

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