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Dear Bethia,

Thank you for your letter of 25 July and your kind congratulatory words.

It is the privilege of my life to have been appointed the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs by the Prime Minister.

I look forward to working together. The challenges we face are significant, although together we will bring about the change we all want to see.

Thank you for the invitation. My private office will consider and be in touch shortly to confirm.

Yours sincerely,

THE RT HON STEVE REED OBE MP