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Dear Andy,

### **UK/US Trade Dialogues**

It was a pleasure to meet you in Aberdeen during the recent US-UK trade dialogues. It was good to have the opportunity to talk about [Scotland's Vision for Trade](#) with you and discuss common issues.

I thought that the discussions during the roundtable session were useful and provided an important opportunity to focus on ensuring that trade policy works for all sectors of the economy and all parts of the UK. It was particularly interesting to hear about the initiatives you have underway in Greater Manchester and your plans for the net zero agenda. It was also useful to hear from business and trades union stakeholders, and to explore linkages with the US administration's focus on a worker-centred trade policy.

The dialogues demonstrated the value of working in a collaborative way to ensure that trade works for all of the UK and I have encouraged the Secretary of State for International Trade to build on this in future dialogues.

We recently published our [first annual report on Scotland's Vision for Trade](#) which highlights the progress we have made in implementing our Vision. My officials would welcome the opportunity to discuss the *Vision for Trade* with your team and explore areas of common interest with your strategy for Greater Manchester. If you agree that this could be useful then perhaps someone from your office could contact mine at: [ministerbttte@gov.scot](mailto:ministerbttte@gov.scot) to start things off.

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