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Dear Liam,

Update on steel strategy publication timing

The Government is determined to support a bright future for steelmaking in the UK, and we remain committed to delivering a steel strategy setting out our plan to support the sector to best seize the available opportunities to deliver our Plan for Change, long-term growth and make a lasting positive impact in communities across the UK.

Protecting UK steelmakers from the rise of global protectionism was one of the tests set out in your letter of 1st April, and a robust position on trade is a critical element of this strategy, underpinning our approach to defending against unfair practices and global overcapacity. We will be introducing new trade measures on steel given that our current UK steel safeguard expires during 2026. We are prioritising developing robust measures to protect our domestic sector, making sure there are healthy levels of imports, and engaging with our partners.

In light of the changing global landscape on trade, we will publish the steel strategy in early 2026. We will update both Houses of Parliament on this decision via a Written Ministerial Statement to be made on 10 December.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement as we seek to revitalise the steel sector in the interests of the UK's broader industrial base and national and economic security. I look forward to providing you with a further update in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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