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Dear Chair,

Re: investment by Stellantis Vauxhall at Ellesmere Port

Today, Stellantis have confirmed a transformational investment at its Vauxhall plant in Ellesmere Port, which will see the site become the first mass volume, fully battery electric vehicle plant in the UK and Europe. This will transition the plant to produce a new generation of electric vehicles, safeguarding the future of the site and its supply chain for the next decade.

I am delighted to have worked closely with Stellantis and local partners to secure this important investment for Cheshire, Merseyside and the North West of England, which ensures the continued presence of a key anchor for the local and regional economy. It also demonstrates that our net zero ambitions are being matched by business, as we work towards our objective to increase the manufacture of electric vehicles in the UK.

The Government is committed to ensuring we continue to be one of the best locations in the world for automotive manufacturing and are working in partnership with the sector to make sure it remains competitive, attracts investment, and protects and creates jobs.

The Prime Minister's Ten Point Plan for a green industrial revolution sets an ambitious roadmap for transforming our economy, unlocking investment and levelling up the regions, including phasing out the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2030. The Government is committed to supporting this transition including £500 million to support the electrification of UK vehicles and their supply chains, as part of a wider commitment of up to £1 billion.

This investment will grow domestic production of electric vehicles, help reduce our reliance on imports to service growing demand and play an important part in reducing emissions in towns and cities across the country.

The news will also be welcomed by the workforce at Ellesmere Port and is a testament to their skills and hard work. The Ellesmere Port plant has been a crucial part of automotive manufacturing in the UK since it first opened nearly 60 years ago. This announcement means that that milestone will be marked next year with the production of its first all-electric vehicle – building a sound future on Vauxhall's proud legacy.

This announcement is further proof that there is a bright future for automotive manufacturing in this country. As Secretary of State, I will continue to champion the sector, ensuring that we make the most of the opportunities of the transition to zero emission vehicles and attract further investment, boost innovation and sustain tens of thousands of jobs in manufacturing and the supply chain.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwasi Kwarteng', written in a cursive style.

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