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**First Minister**

Scottish Government  
St Andrew's House  
Regent Road  
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Dear First Minister,

We are writing to you regarding the plans announced today by NFI Group to begin voluntary redundancy consultations on 115 Scottish jobs at Alexander Dennis in Falkirk and exit its Camelon site.

This will not only cost over one hundred jobs in our constituencies it will cost hundreds more in the local area in the supply chain.

This announcement comes after the failure of ScotZEB3, the Scottish Government's third grant funding round for Zero-Emission Buses to deliver for the sector.

Most of the funding your government provided once again was delivered to Chinese manufacturers, while bids proposing to build in Falkirk, cheaper per subsidy per unit than similarly sized successful bids, were unsuccessful.

The CEO of Alexander Dennis has described ScotZEB3 to us this morning as a "watershed moment" for Scottish manufacturing which has subsequently led to this loss of jobs.

We have made numerous representations to Government ministers regarding greater social value weighting for exercises such as this where taxpayer money is being spent. Our constituents are clear, when Scottish taxpayer money is spent to buy buses for Scotland's roads they should be built by workers in Scotland.

The situation facing Alexander Dennis is once again extremely challenging. I would welcome an update on what Scottish Government work being undertaken to consider:



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1. Further strategic intervention to maintain manufacturing capacity at the Camelon and Larbert sites during this critical period.
2. Any further Capital funding support for Scottish Bus Manufacturing in Scotland to diversify and retain its viability in the long-term.
3. A review of the Scottish Government's policy implementation in relation to grant schemes and whether it has created an unlevel playing field for domestic manufacturing.

Additionally, I am aware there was supposed to be a meeting between the Deputy First Minister and representatives of the Alexander Dennis workforce on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March that did not take place. We would like to understand why this did not happen.

Given the urgency of the situation, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss what steps the Scottish Government can take to secure a future for these sites and the workforce they support.

Yours sincerely,

Euan Stainbank MP  
Member of Parliament for Falkirk

Brian Leishman MP  
Member of Parliament for Alloa and Grangemouth