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Secretary of State for Scotland

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Dear Secretary of State,

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

This will cost over one hundred jobs in our constituency, and hundreds further down the supply chain. This is unacceptable when we need the industrial capacity provided by Alexander Dennis and would inflict further industrial damage to a community that has endured substantial job losses following the closure of the Grangemouth refinery.

This announcement comes after the outcome of ScotZEB3 was announced on the 25th of March, the Scottish Government's third funding round for zero-emission bus grant funding. Almost half of the supported buses were once again supported from Yutong (166), while 129 were supported from Alexander Dennis. Alexander Dennis was in a similar situation last year and currently has workers on furlough due to the unprecedented action the Scottish Government were forced to take due to the consequences of their previous ScotZEB2 scheme.

As the Members of Parliament for the Camelon and Larbert sites we have made numerous representations to Government ministers regarding social value weighting for procurement, as well as further work that could be done to secure a future for domestic bus manufacturing in Scotland.

The situation facing Alexander Dennis is once again extremely challenging, partly because of the Scottish Government failing to support domestic orders in procurement. However, there remains a clear opportunity for the UK Government to act decisively to secure the future of bus manufacturing across Falkirk and protect a vital part of our industrial base.

To secure a future for Alexander Dennis, and the hundreds of jobs in my constituency, we would welcome urgent consideration of the following:



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1. Greater certainty on the 10-year zero-emission bus pipeline: Including clarity on how Government intends to support domestic manufacturers to benefit preferably from the substantial taxpayer supported portion of the estimated 23,000 zero-emission buses required over the next decade.
2. The classification of Bus Manufacturing as a sector vital to national security, considering the ongoing National Cyber Security Centre and Department for Transport investigation into remote deactivation in foreign manufactured buses.
3. Further strengthening of social value expectations within bus procurement to ensure UK taxpayers' investment supports UK jobs and strategic domestic capability wherever possible.
4. Additionally, we would be keen to know what work is being undertaken by the department alongside the Scottish Government to support the workforce during this significantly distressing time.

Alexander Dennis represents a key element of Scotland's capability in delivering the transition to zero-emission public transport without total reliance on Chinese imports.

The transition in 2025 to the majority of new registrations of UK zero emission buses being manufactured elsewhere in the world should and must now be considered the canary in the coal mine for the transport industry, and Government of every level must now move rapidly to prevent the catastrophic consequences of deindustrialisation being inflicted on our community.

Losing this capacity would be a serious setback for our industrial strategy and our ability to deliver value for public investment if we become wholly dependent on importing buses.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Member of Parliament for Falkirk.

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