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Dear Colleague,

**RENEWABLES ANNOUNCEMENT**

Today, the Prime Minister announced £160 million new support for new large scale port and manufacturing infrastructure for offshore wind, and a new level of ambition for the forthcoming Contracts for Difference support auction.

This new funding will support major new port side manufacturing hubs, so that the UK can host the factories making the next generation of offshore wind equipment.

The Government is also confirming today a boost to its previous target to deliver up to 30GW of offshore wind, to delivering 40GW by 2030. This will set us on a path to deliver net zero by 2050.

The growth of the UK offshore wind sector as a whole will support 30,000 direct jobs and another 30,000 indirectly by 2030.

The Government is also announcing a new ambition for 1GW of the new 40GW by 2030 target to come from floating offshore wind – a brand new technology allowing wind farms to be built further out to sea in deeper waters, boosting capacity even further.

Together with planned stringent requirements on supporting UK manufacturers in Government-backed renewables projects, these measures will help the industry to reach its target of 60% of offshore wind farm content coming from the UK, helping to also boost lower-carbon supply chains.

To help deliver these ambitious targets and accelerate the country's progress towards net zero emissions by 2050, the Government has confirmed that the next round of the renewable energy auction will open in late 2021 and aim to deliver up to twice the capacity of last year's successful round – potentially providing enough clean energy for up to 10 million homes.

Today's announcement marks the latest stage of the Government's support for renewable energy and acceleration of the transition to net zero. The Prime Minister has set out new plans to build back better and build back greener by making the UK the world leader in clean wind energy – creating jobs, slashing carbon emissions and boosting exports.

Yours sincerely,

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