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Dear Mr Fleming,

Thank you for contacting me about carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS). I agree we need to move away from a dependence on fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy, home insulation, nature-based solutions and other measures to tackle climate change. However, if we are to meet our climate goals and accelerate to net zero, we also need CCUS.

For our energy security, we will need low-carbon power that is available at all times of day and in all weathers. Gas-fired power stations with CCUS, alongside other low-carbon energy generation, can provide this flexible power. In addition, CCUS will also play an important role in the decarbonisation of heavy industry, since some industrial process can only be decarbonised through technologies like carbon capture.

As the Climate Change Committee has said, CCUS is "a necessity, not an option". The role of carbon capture and storage in limiting global warming has also been backed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the International Energy Agency.

The Government is right to invest in CCUS. I welcome its confirmation at the Spending Review of £9.4 billion for two carbon capture and storage projects: HyNet in the North West of England and North Wales and the East Coast Cluster in the North East of England. As well as creating 4,000 new jobs and helping build an industry that could support up to 50,000 jobs by the 2030s, these new projects will help remove over 8.5 million tonnes of carbon emissions each year - the equivalent of taking around four million cars off the road. They will help unlock the decarbonisation of hard-to-abate sectors, from chemicals to cement. They will enable the production of low-carbon hydrogen. And, by capturing emissions from gas-fired power stations, they will play an important role, alongside renewables and nuclear, in delivering clean power by 2030 and beyond.

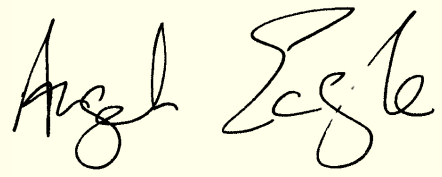
More widely, I can assure you that I am committed to taking action to tackle climate change, including through the mission to achieve clean power by 2030. I welcome the steps the Government has already taken towards this aim, including removing the de facto ban on onshore wind in England, approving enough solar energy to power millions of homes and establishing GB Energy, a publicly owned company to invest in and develop clean energy.

Thank you once again for contacting me about this important issue.

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With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Angela Eagle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Angela" is written in a smaller, more compact script, while the last name "Eagle" is written in a larger, more prominent script with a large, sweeping 'E'.

Dame Angela Eagle MP