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Dear Minister,

Many congratulations on your re-appointment as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport at the recent re-shuffle, we look forward to continuing to work with you.

I was very pleased to see the news that the draft legislation proposing changes to the RTFO and GHG schemes, including to increase targets for the supply of renewable fuel, was laid in Parliament this week. I now hope this legislation can move through the Parliamentary process as quickly as possible to ensure it is in place for April 2018.

Having this legislation in place by April 2018 is a key concern for our members, many of whom are either supplying raw materials into the biofuel industry or are utilising the high protein animal feed produced as a co-product of the refining process. With Vivergo already closing its doors, in part due to legislative uncertainty, we are keen to ensure that the industry is provided with the confidence it needs to continue investing for the future as soon as possible.

Part of this future certainty will come from clear Government support for the introduction of E10, something the NFU supports. Given the recent news regarding the rise in CO2 emissions from road transport we would also suggest that the introduction of E10 represents the most cost effective and scalable option available today when trying to de-carbonise transport.

As we have discussed before, the biofuel industry represents a golden opportunity for farmers, the wider supply chain and for our economy. As you will know from farmers in your constituency agriculture is currently facing many challenges and much uncertainty, not least about future trade deals and agricultural support post Brexit. The biofuel industry therefore represents an important home grown domestic market, ultimately improving the UK's self-sufficiency, sustainability and food security.

I look forward to hearing from you and the NFU remains at your disposal should you wish to discuss any of the above further.

Yours sincerely

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Brett Askew
NFU North East Crops Board Chairman & biofuel spokesman