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Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP
Prime Minister

Dear Prime Minister

We are writing as Conservative MPs to urge you to push ahead with a bold new programme of nuclear power construction under the aegis of Great British Nuclear. This new body, and the vision of the British Energy Security Strategy, could enable this country to make enormous strides toward energy independence, net zero, and a more prosperous and balanced economy.

As a party we have a positive story to tell. Every single nuclear power station online in Britain today was connected to the grid under a Conservative Government. Hinkley Point C was agreed and began construction under a Conservative Government, and now Sizewell C will follow after it. This is because we have the courage to bet on Britain and to bet on British industry.

By contrast, thirteen years of Labour inaction and bowing to left-wing prejudices left us with a damaging gap in our nuclear capabilities and a weakness in our energy supplies. Labour refused to believe that nuclear power was good value for this country. We should avoid repeating that mistake ourselves at all costs.

The stations we approve and build today will last for at least 80 years. They will be our green legacy to our future generations, testament to the enduring achievements of a Conservative Government.

Right now, they can provide much needed jobs and skills to communities like ours all over this country. They will bring investment and hope and restore pride in industrial Britain. They will demonstrate to the people who backed us in 2019 that we believe in the promise of levelling up and in a new post-Brexit Britain.

To achieve all this, we urge you to do the following:

- Take advantage of our Brexit freedoms by declaring that nuclear is unambiguously a green energy source, and follow through swiftly on Solvency II reform, so private investors can confidently put their money into British nuclear.
- Set up Great British Nuclear immediately with the funding to start negotiations on two more nuclear projects after Sizewell C in this Parliament. We believe it is vital to get this process underway.
- Back Britain by opening negotiations with Rolls-Royce SMR, and other SMR developers on the funding of small modular reactors. We are the only major nuclear nation in the world without a sovereign reactor design to deploy or export. It is time we changed that.
- Set out clear and binding nuclear deployment targets to 2035 and 2050 to allow the supply chain to invest with confidence.

We would very much like to send a delegation to meet you before the Budget to discuss this important issue for our country.

Yours sincerely

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