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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Many thanks for inviting comment upon the interim report of the Joint Future Thinking Taskforce, New Horizons. I would be grateful if these comments were shared with the other members of the Taskforce and let me know of your thoughts.

Scotland is respected and rightly prides itself upon a high level of student consciousness and involvement with policy issues. It is therefore disappointing that student representation appears not to have a role within the Tripartite Advisory Group.

As stated the student body has the function to understand funding matters at a considerable level. To summarise my request would be that via NUS, whose essential focus I believe is to champion and voice the thousands of students across Scotland be given an equal membership on the group currently named the Tripartite Advisory Group.

I very much appreciate the developments within the Higher Education sector that are being driven by the government and I look forward to hearing your thoughts on these issues which play a fundamental role within the ability of a generation to learn essentially, to gain confidence and enable societal progression.

Yours faithfully,

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