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Dear Business Secretary

Extractive industry transparency

Writing on behalf of Publish What You Pay civil society member organisations, I would like to express appreciation for your strong support for extractive industry transparency during the last Parliament, and for all the excellent work on this agenda undertaken by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

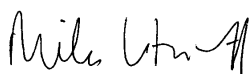
The UK's role in championing public country- and project-level reporting of payments to governments by oil, gas and mining companies, in Europe and beyond, has made a huge difference to the efforts of citizens and civil society around the world to bring about a more open and accountable natural resources sector that will deliver greater public benefit.

We consider the UK's swift and effective transposition of the EU Accounting Directive, along with implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, to be key achievements of the Coalition Government.

Thanks to the work of Jo Swinson and her officials, and to the political support of yourself and many of your colleagues in government, progress towards common global reporting standards for the extractives sector, in both home and host countries, remains largely on track.

With good wishes.

Yours sincerely



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