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Dear Secretary of State,

A Combined Authority for the Tees Valley

On behalf of the five Tees Valley Councils and the Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Secretary of State. We look forward to working with you and would like to extend an invitation for you to visit our area in the near future.

Please find enclosed the Tees Valley's proposal for a Combined Authority including our Governance Review and draft scheme. We have been discussing this with your team for many months and would like to pass on our thanks for their support and guidance.

The document sets out the huge potential for economic growth in the Tees Valley, the driving ambition of our public and private sector leaders and the strength of our existing partnership. We believe a Tees Valley Combined Authority would help us to go further faster in creating a bright and prosperous future for Tees Valley and realising the enormous contribution we could make to the UK's economy.

We hope that you will be able to give this your early attention and support our proposal through the parliamentary process.

We would be more than happy to discuss this further and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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