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Dear Secretary of State,

POINTS-BASED IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

I am writing in relation to the Home Office's announcement earlier this month that it intends to introduce a new points-based immigration system, which will take effect from 1 January 2021.

My Committee has an ongoing inquiry that aims to explore how the UK's immigration policy can best respond to Scotland's demographic and skills needs. Since the inquiry was launched in June 2017, my Committee has taken evidence from the Scottish Government, the Scottish Government's Expert Advisory Group on Migration, and the Migration Advisory Committee.

My Committee wrote to your predecessor on 14 November 2018 and we received a written response dated 15 February 2019. Since then, the Migration Advisory Committee has published its report on a 'Points-based System and Salary Thresholds for Immigration' and the Home Office has set out its plans for a new immigration system.

I would therefore like to invite you to give evidence to the Committee on the UK Government's proposals with specific reference to the terms of the Committee's inquiry. My clerks would be happy to liaise directly with your officials to make arrangements for your appearance before the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener, Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee