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Dear [Name],

Re: Project Britannia - Request for Endorsement of the Britannia Charter

I am writing to you about Project Britannia, a proposal to convert selected end-of-life offshore oil and gas platforms in UK waters into nuclear-powered hydrogen production facilities. This concept was conceived by **David Waugh**, a retired UK gas engineer who witnessed the devastation of the 1980s coal mine closures and is determined that offshore workers and communities will not suffer the same fate.

The Challenge We Face

The UK Continental Shelf faces order-of-magnitude decommissioning costs in the range of £40–80 billion over the coming decades, with around 470 offshore production platforms in UK waters and approximately 1,500 total offshore installations and structures across the North Sea. Many of these platforms are structurally sound but no longer economically viable for oil and gas production. Current plans call for their complete removal—a process that will cost billions and eliminate tens of thousands of skilled jobs in Aberdeen, Teesside, Humberside, and other offshore communities.

The Britannia Solution

Project Britannia proposes a different path: convert selected platforms into offshore hydrogen production hubs powered by UK-designed Small Modular Reactors (such as the Rolls-Royce SMR, once licensed). This approach would:

- Preserve and create skilled offshore jobs, enabling workers to transition from oil and gas to clean energy roles
- Reduce immediate decommissioning costs by repurposing existing infrastructure
- Produce firm, low-carbon hydrogen for UK industry (steel, chemicals, heavy transport)

- Keep critical energy infrastructure and intellectual property under UK ownership and control
- Deliver a genuine "just transition" for North Sea communities

The Britannia Charter

To ensure that Project Britannia remains a UK-led initiative that delivers real benefits to UK workers and communities, we have developed the Britannia Charter (enclosed). This Charter sets out six core principles:

- UK ownership and control of intellectual property
- UK jobs first (minimum 70% UK workforce)
- UK regulatory jurisdiction (ONR, HSE, NSTA oversight)
- Use of UK technology where possible (Rolls-Royce SMRs, UK supply chain)
- Community and worker transition guarantees (no compulsory redundancies, funded retraining)
- Transparency and accountability (independent oversight with worker/community representation)

Our Request

We are seeking endorsements of the Britannia Charter from trade unions, local authorities, Members of Parliament, and community organisations. Your endorsement would:

- Signal strong support for a UK-led approach to offshore energy transition
- Help ensure that any development of Britannia prioritises UK jobs, UK ownership, and UK control
- Create political momentum for government engagement with the concept
- Demonstrate to potential investors that Britannia has genuine social license and community backing

Why We Are Approaching You

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For Trade Unions:

"Your union represents thousands of offshore workers whose livelihoods depend on the future of North Sea infrastructure. The Britannia Charter includes explicit commitments to no compulsory redundancies, funded retraining, and worker representation on the oversight

board. We believe your endorsement would send a powerful message that workers will not be abandoned again."

For Local Authorities/Mayors:

"Your region has been at the heart of North Sea energy for decades. Project Britannia offers a pathway to preserve that heritage while transitioning to clean energy. The Charter commits to community investment funds and prioritises employment in Aberdeen, Teesside, and Humberside. Your endorsement would demonstrate regional leadership on just transition."

For MPs:

"Your constituents include [offshore workers/supply chain workers/families dependent on North Sea jobs]. The Britannia Charter provides a framework to ensure that any offshore energy transition protects UK jobs and UK interests. Your endorsement would help ensure government takes this concept seriously and engages constructively with the offshore workforce."

Next Steps

If you are willing to endorse the Britannia Charter, we would be grateful if you could:

- Sign the enclosed Charter document, or
- Provide a brief statement of support that we can publish alongside the Charter, or
- Meet with us to discuss the project in more detail

We are also happy to arrange a briefing session for your members, colleagues, or constituents to explain the technical and economic basis of the project in more detail.

The 1980s taught us what happens when we abandon industrial communities without a plan. Project Britannia is about choosing a different path—one that preserves jobs, skills, and communities while delivering the clean energy the UK needs. We hope you will join us in supporting this vision.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title/Role]

Project Britannia

Enclosures:

- The Britannia Charter
- Project Britannia Executive Summary (optional)
- Contact details for further information

Project Britannia - Conceived by David Waugh, Retired UK Gas Engineer