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Dear Mr McMillan

Proposed Cut to Scottish Budget

The proposal by the Westminster Government to cut £500 million from the Scottish Budget in each of the two following financial years is extremely worrying and if followed through this policy will have a major impact on public service provision throughout Scotland.

I would urge your Council to lobby your local MPs to try to get them to put a stop to this proposal and would be obliged if you would back the Scottish Government in its fight to safeguard these monies.

Instead of cutting Budgets the Westminster Government's aim should be to invest in bringing forward capital projects to act as a stimulus to the economy.

I hope that your Council will share my view and that this matter will be debated by Elected Members.

Yours sincerely

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