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Dear Mr Miliband

I write to you this morning on behalf of the Combined Authority of Greater Lincolnshire and the employees of Prax Lindsey Oil Refinery.

I urge you to act swiftly and decisively to support workers with enhanced packages of support and to secure future employment opportunities at the Prax site in North Lincolnshire.

We need to work jointly across Government, the CCA and local councils to provide practical support to workers during the closure period, and to develop a new and robust proposal for the site.

Despite yesterday's closure notice, we understand that there is interest from potential investors in part of the site, and I urge you to move quickly to maximise these opportunities and protect local jobs.

I am concerned about whether Government and the Administrator has allowed sufficient time to find a suitable buyer for the business and the site, and whether an extension to this timescale will produce a different result. The site is capable of refining 113,000 barrels of oil per day, making it the third largest refinery in the UK. It is strategically located, supplying both domestic fuel markets as well as satisfying export demands. The site is part of an interconnected industrial supply chain across the South Humber Bank and the impact of closure on this collaborative ecosystem risks significant economic shock to the area.

I am also concerned that the closure of the 500-acre site and its assets leads buyers to asset strip and not continue to provide the essential national fuel resilience. The consequential impact on the supply chain will see the negative impact of closure exponentially grow. I therefore implore the Government to do the right thing and intervene.

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The huge loss of business rates to North Lincolnshire Council will impact services, and there is a case to be made for interim support to deliver enhanced and practical support locally. This isn't just about protecting a business, jobs, and tax revenue. It is a matter of national security and one of protecting the identity of communities in Greater Lincolnshire that work in globally renowned industries.

I stand by ready to work in partnership with the Government to support workers through this closure, and act at pace to secure new and tangible opportunities for the site with investors, and agencies.

Yours faithfully



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