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Dear Mr. Gray,

You were kind enough to acknowledge our Chairman, R.T.S. Macpherson's letter of 14 April 1988 to the Prime Minister, which concerned the extension of the national non-domestic rate to Scotland.

I feel I should say that concern here and in our member Chambers in Scotland continues to run strongly on this, on the lines set out in Mr. Macpherson's letter, and has not been substantially eased by Lord Sanderson's comments in the House of Lords on 14 June, in the Committee stage of the Local Government Finance Bill.

The expectation that poundages after 1990 will not be uniform between Scotland and England gives rise to much anxiety. We support a national non-domestic rate and see very clearly, as we feel sure the Prime Minister must, the value of its extension to Scotland from the outset.

Yours sincerely,

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