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Dear Ms Mansfield,

In response to HM Treasury's Inquiry - *Carbon capture and storage: A consultation on barriers to commercial deployment* - the WCI would like to express its support for the submission from the Confederation of UK Coal Producers (CoalPro).

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) when applied to coal-based electricity production has the unique potential to address the twin challenges currently facing UK energy production: carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions and energy security. This places clean coal and CCS as a core contributor to a balanced energy portfolio that will also include safe nuclear and reliable renewable energy.

The WCI supports the CoalPro view that long-term political and regulatory clarity is a major barrier to the commercial deployment of CCS. The WCI therefore believes that a long-term policy framework must be put in place to provide the certainty required for large-scale investment in coal-based CCS.

The WCI is a non-governmental organization of coal enterprises, accredited with the United Nations. Its primary role is to provide a voice for coal in global energy and environment forums.

Regards,

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