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Dear Ms McLornan

PROPOSED CUTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Thank you for your letter dated 10 February 2022, advising of the Council Motion to oppose proposed budget cuts to Higher Education by the Department for the Economy.

Whilst the Department for Infrastructure has no direct responsibility in this area, the Minister is very supportive of Education, including Higher Education, and recognises the benefits this has for our society here.

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