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Dear Secretary of State

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In your letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, of 17 October, you suggest a working group of officials and industry representatives to review the information available to industry on current tax reliefs for educational donations.

I believe that such a review would be most useful in ensuring that industry is fully aware of the nature and extent of the assistance which is available, and consequently is encouraged to provide support for educational institutions, and I support the establishment of a group along the lines you suggest to carry out the work.

I continue to be impressed on visits to the USA by the enormous scale on which American industry is re-equipping American Universities with high technology facilities by means of donations. The same companies with subsidies in the UK certainly believe that the arrangements for similar donations to our Universities are much less tax effective.

I would welcome the opportunity for a member of my staff to be involved in the review.

Copies of this letter go to recipients of yours.

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