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By email

Dear Greg Hands

### **Uncle on Hunger Strike**

I am writing to you to explain what has led me to start a hunger strike outside Parliament today, one that I am willing to continue to the point of death, and to ask you to do your part to avert climate disaster - in particular to help wake up both decision-makers and the public to the gravity of the situation we face, so we can find solutions together in the time that remains.

In 2020 the Prime Minister received a secret briefing (known now only through Freedom of Information requests) from Chief Scientific Advisor Sir Patrick Vallance on the risks of and solutions to climate breakdown. It was this that convinced him to change his previous attitude and speak so strongly at the opening of COP26 about the urgent peril the world faces - words which, while valuable, have sadly not yet been matched by actions. I am asking you now to make available such a briefing to decision makers - the Cabinet and Parliament - and the public, by allowing such a briefing to be televised. I ask that the briefing be led by Sir Patrick.

I will continue my hunger strike until you organise such a briefing.

It is only by collectively understanding and accepting the peril the world now faces that we can together take action to preserve life on Earth. I am an uncle of six and it is out of fear for the life my nephews and niece and their peers face that I am undertaking this hunger-strike.

I will continue to refuse food and sit in front of Parliament until you organise the briefing described above. I would be really pleased to talk to you personally - please do come and visit me in front of the gates of Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

Angus Rose