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Dear Councillor Owen

Thank you for your letter of 29 July on behalf of Gwynedd Council.

I was delighted to note the kind words of support from Gwynedd Council for the people of Scotland at this important time in the history of these islands. These sentiments of friendship and goodwill for the future are warmly reciprocated. Scottish independence will not just be good for Scotland; it will be good for all of the nations of these islands. By shifting the centre of economic gravity of these islands it will help create opportunities for co-operation, prosperity and partnership which will mutually benefit Wales and Scotland.

The motion passed by Gwynedd Council demonstrates the fact that Wales has nothing to lose, and much to gain, from the establishment of a successful independent Scotland.

On behalf of the Scottish Government, I look forward to a future of close collaboration between an independent Scotland and our neighbours – in a partnership which will be good for Scotland, good for Wales, and good for all of the nations of these islands.

*Yours for Scotland*

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Annwyl Gyngorydd,

Diolch am eich llythyr dyddiedig 29 Gorffennaf ar ran Cyngor Gwynedd.

Roeddwn yn hynod falch o dderbyn cefnogaeth a geiriau caredig Cyngor Gwynedd i bobl yr Alban mewn cyfnod allweddol bwysig yn hanes yr ynysoedd hyn. Hoffwn ddychwelyd y neges hon o gyfeillgarwch ac ewyllys da i'r dyfodol. Bydd annibyniaeth i'r Alban nid yn unig yn llesol i'r Alban; bydd yn llesol i holl genhedloedd yr ynysoedd hyn. Drwy symud canolbwynt grym economaidd yr ynysoedd hyn bydd annibyniaeth yn galluogi creu cyfleon i gyd-weithio ac i sicrhau ffyniant a phartneriaethau fydd yn elwa Cymru a'r Alban.

Mae'r cynnig a basiwyd gan Gyngor Gwynedd yn dyst i'r ffaith nad oes gan Gymru ddim i'w golli a llawer i'w ennill o sefydlu Alban annibynnol a llwyddiannus.

Ar ran Llywodraeth yr Alban, edrychaf ymlaen at gydweithio agos rhwng Alban annibynnol a'n cymdogion – mewn partneriaeth fydd yn dda i'r Alban, yn dda i Gymru, ac yn dda i holl genhedloedd yr ynysoedd hyn.

*Yours f. Scotland.  
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