

24<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP  
Chancellor of the Exchequer,  
The Treasury,  
1 Horseguards Road,  
London  
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Dear Alistair,

### **Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland**

Following the announcement by the Lloyds Banking Group that it is giving notice that it will cease funding the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, I am writing to ask you to urge the Group to reconsider. As you will know, the Foundation funds charities working with some of the most vulnerable people in Scotland, including ones in my constituency. Many of those are smaller charities that may find it hard to find funding elsewhere.

The Government has provided very substantial financial support to the Lloyds Banking Group over the last 18 months and I hope that you will do all you can to remind Lloyds Banking Group of its wider social obligations at a time when public dissatisfaction with the banking industry is already widespread.

I enclose a printed copy of an email from one of my constituents on this issue and look forward to receiving the Treasury's response.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Lazarowicz