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Dear Minister,

I am writing to express my support for the Motorcycle Industry Association’s (MCIA) [*A Licence to Net Zero*](https://www.mcia.co.uk/licence-to-net-zero) campaign and to request a meeting. The campaign aims to make acquiring a moped, motorcycle or other powered light vehicle (PLV) licence simpler, fairer, safer and more accessible for all, enabling a cleaner and greener future.

The powered two wheel sector’s key role in reducing emissions was recognised in the Government’s [2021 Transport Decarbonisation Plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-decarbonisation-plan) which tasked MCIA to produce a Joint Action Plan for the sector. MCIA published its landmark [Action Plan: Realising the Full Potential of Zero Emission Powered Light Vehicles](https://www.mcia.co.uk/plv-action-plan) in February 2022, underscoring its commitment to a greener future. The Action Plan identifies the barriers the sector must overcome and the opportunities it must harness, together with the Government, if its full potential is to be realised.

Improving access to the sector via a review of the current licensing regime is essential to this transformation. The current regime has and will continue to deter potential new users from embracing mopeds and motorcycles as a cheaper and greener alternative to single occupancy cars and lightly ladened vans.

I commend the Government’s ambitious vision for this sector; however, it is essential it now delivers on the Action Plan and creates thousands of well-paid, high-skilled jobs throughout the country by nurturing the industry’s manufacturing base and supply chain. *A Licence to Net Zero*, is central to turning this vision into a reality through improved access and, in turn, increased uptake of the sector’s vehicles. Failure to deliver on the Action Plan and the recommended licensing review within it, will mean reaching net zero, reducing congestion and improving the quality of our urban and sub urban centres will be thwarted.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the campaign in more detail with representatives of MCIA, as well as the progress being made on making action 6 within the Action Plan a reality.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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