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Dear Nicola

I am writing to you, on behalf of Dounreay Stakeholder Group, to raise the issues of the IT connectivity for school pupils accessing online learning.

Connectivity has been an issue that has been raised by Members of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group as a long-term socio-economic concern that effects our ability to retain and attract families within the Caithness and North Sutherland area.

Given the heightened reliance on digital connectivity, due to Covid-19 restrictions, digital provision has become an even more pressing issue. Despite school pupils returning to their settings as part of a phased return, the Dounreay Stakeholder Group wishes to ensure that the lessons of Covid-19 and the continuing issue with digital connectivity is tackled by the Highland Council.

We believe even if the requirement for pupils to access IT reduces due to returning to school we would urge you as Caithness Councillors to raise this issue with the Council leader to ensure that this situation is considered and rectified to allow this situation to be future proofed so that we never again see some of our local children suffering because of lack of IT connectivity.

Yours sincerely

Sent electronically without signature

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