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Dear Linda

Empowering Ambition and Leadership Excellence: A Framework for Action

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) supports the principle behind the *Framework for Action*, believing that developing leadership and ambition skills will be important if we are to grow the Scottish economy. Our members recognise the value of these qualities, as they are essential for running a successful business.

As part of our commitment to entrepreneurialism and leadership development in Scotland, the FSB has been closely involved in projects such as *Determined to Succeed*. This form of initiative is invaluable in developing the confidence, ambition and leadership abilities of young people.

While we are supportive of the ideas contained in the document, creating an environment in Scotland which encourages the creation of new businesses, allows and supports existing businesses to expand and is committed to cutting the red tape that so often stifles business, will do as much for instilling ambition and leadership qualities in our population as other public sector initiatives.

If you require clarification on anything contained in this letter or further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Policy Officer, Martyn McIntyre on: martyn.mcintyre@fsb.org.uk or 0141 221 0775.

Yours sincerely

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