**Template email seeking meeting with Senedd candidates**

**Subject: Request to meet about Senedd commitment to climate action**

Dear [candidate name],

 I am writing to you on behalf of [Friends of the Earth/ or add local group name] to request the opportunity to meet to discuss how you intend to tackle the climate and ecological emergencies if you become a Member of the Senedd.

The climate emergency hasn’t gone away since COVID-19 emerged. In fact, it’s got worse. With extreme weather raging around the world, including flooding and heatwaves in the UK, taking action in all our communities is essential. We believe a brighter future is possible.

Action on climate change and nature will improve the quality of our lives and contribute to the economic recovery from the pandemic.

[Personalising your email to the candidate will be key to securing a meeting. Recognising some of the positive things they have already done also allows you to become more challenging in the meeting if necessary. For example, add something about what the candidate has said or done on climate change or commitments their party has made to act on the climate and ecological crisis. Make sure you adhere to [political impartiality](https://campaigning.friendsoftheearth.uk/general-resources/political-impartiality-guidanceb) commitments.].

The Member of the Senedd for [constituency and/or region name] has important powers they can use to ensure the area is as climate- and nature-friendly as possible.

We must recognise that the climate crisis cannot be tackled through a “business as usual” approach. Younger generations are relying on today’s leaders to secure their futures.

We would like the opportunity to hear how you intend to prioritise climate action as a Member of the Senedd and also share our vision for how to make [constituency and/or region name] as climate friendly as possible. [Again, include something personalised here about their commitment to acting on the climate crisis.] We  will be happy to share the practical action and targets we believe are needed across a range of sectors – from housing to transport – to build a fairer, greener future.

I’d be grateful if you would please advise us of your availability for a meeting.

Kind regards,