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Prime Minister,

I am calling on you to turn the planned UN climate summit in Glasgow later this winter (COP26) into an online conference instead of a physical event.

President Biden's recent climate summit has clearly demonstrated that a physical meeting is not necessary to get political leaders to make lofty climate pledges. And since President Biden's conference has already delivered an array of pledges from 40 national leaders, it is unlikely that Glasgow will achieve a great deal more.

There are other critical reasons for moving COP26 online:

1. It will save UK taxpayers an estimated £200 million.
2. It will eliminate the considerable CO2 emissions from the 30,000 delegates who would otherwise fly in from around the world.
3. The UK's Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty, has warned that some coronavirus restrictions may have to be brought back to control the virus later this year because winter weather is likely to help the spread of the virus. Moving COP26 online will demonstrate that both the UK and Scottish governments are serious about protecting the public from the potential risk of Covid19 variants brought into the country by delegates from nearly 200 countries.
4. The climate change community and green NGOs should show their commitment to mitigation by holding all future COP events online, thereby demonstrating that there isn't one rule for them and another for everyone else.

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5. Postponing COP26 until next year, as climate campaigners recommend, poses its own challenges for the green movement as it would be overshadowed by the US mid-term elections in November 2022 and its possible repercussions.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benny Peiser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr Benny Peiser
Director