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Shona Robinson  
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*Sent by email*

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

I am writing to you as the local Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South. I was extremely concerned to hear recent reports that the Scottish Government's proposed spending plans will impose cuts on community groups in Edinburgh South.

The proposed cut of £15mn per annum for community-led regeneration will hit local organisations doing vital work to support some of the most deprived and vulnerable communities in Edinburgh. I will be in touch with the organisations affected in south Edinburgh to ask how I can best support them.

As you know, since coming to power, the UK Labour government has provided the Scottish Government with an additional £10.3bn in resources. Given that you are now proposing damaging cuts to our communities, many of my constituents will be wondering where that money has gone.

I urge you to reverse this decision and protect funding for these crucially important organisations. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Murray MP

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Labour Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South

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