

**PE1569/F**

28<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The Chairman and Members of the Petitions Committee,  
Scottish Parliament,  
Holyrood,  
Edinburgh.

Dear Chairman and Members of the Petitions Committee,

Petition PE1569 – The re-introduction of the Scottish Ensign.

I acknowledge with disappointment the negative response dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, from Derek Mackay MSP Minister of Transport and the Isles. I would comment that I remain totally confused by his Department's opinion and approach to this matter for they rule out any application for a warrant for the Scottish Ensign yet in his letter of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Robert Goodwill of the Department of Transport at Westminster did not dismiss the possibility of granting a warrant and although he commented there were difficulties to be surmounted, he offered his Department's help to overcome them.

In view of the differing opinions between Mr Mackay's Department at Holyrood and Mr Goodwill's Department at Westminster, who have the ultimate authority on whether or not a warrant should be granted, I would respectfully ask that my petition be continued to allow time to seek clarification on the matter.

In the interim period my MSP Michael Russell has said he will try to arrange a meeting for me with Mr Mackay and his officials so that we may discuss in detail what my petition entails and try to address and overcome some of the apparent 'difficulties'.

Yours sincerely,

George McKenzie