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From Richard Benyon MP
Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries

Dear Mrs Everett

I am writing to thank the Anglo Aquatic Plant Co Ltd for its continued support of Defra's 'Be Plant Wise' campaign.

I cannot overstate the importance of the work you are doing in spreading the campaign's key message among your customers. We need to do all we can to prevent invasive non-native aquatic plants spreading from our garden ponds into the wild. Awareness-raising activities, such as the work you are doing, help to highlight the negative impacts invasive aquatic plants can have on our native ecosystems and empower people to take action to prevent the spread of these species.

Partnerships between the public and private sector are vital in tackling such complex cross-cutting environmental issues. With your support I believe we are much more likely to secure the long term success of the 'Be Plant Wise' campaign.

Yours sincerely
Richard Benyon

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