

(INSERT NAME OF YOUR MP)
House of Commons,
London,
SW1A 0AA

INSERT DATE

(INSERT YOUR COMPANY ADDRESS HERE)

Dear [INSERT THE NAME OF YOUR MP HERE]

The Renewable Heat Incentive and jobs in your Constituency

[INCLUDE REFERENCES TO ANY PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH THE MP]

[COMPANY NAME] is a manufacturer / installer of solar panels / heat pumps / biomass heating systems / other* (DELETE AS APPROPRIATE) with XX jobs based in your constituency, YY of which have been created in the last 2 years largely due to the expected introduction of a Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

Critical to our company's confidence to invest in this sector has been the current Coalition Parties' strong track record of support for the Renewable Heat Incentive whilst in opposition - indeed Eric Pickles, Gregory Barker and Charles Hendry voted to introduce it - and current Ministers have been historically supportive. For example, during the passage of the Energy Act, Charles Hendry, current Minister for the Department of Energy and Climate Change, commented that renewable heat could yield a potential carbon saving of '7.3 million tons (...) by 2020' and current Minister Greg Clark even claimed that "had it not been for Conservative leadership during this Parliament, Britain would have no feed-in tariff, no renewable heat incentive and no Climate Change Act 2008".

Whilst indicating overall support for taking renewable energy further, the new Government has so far remained silent on the question of whether or not it will proceed with the Renewable Heat Incentive in broadly the form consulted on prior to the election. Industry appreciates that the Government needs time to consider the responses to the consultation in order to develop the precise details for this important policy, we are now very concerned that the Government has not yet stated publicly whether it intends to proceed with the policy at all.

This is a matter of urgency as we are already starting to see order levels drop in anticipation of an announcement, and no-one wishes to see the loss of green jobs in what all political parties know are fragile economic times. More importantly, any reversal in the clear support shown previously for the RHI by those now in Government will make it extremely difficult for companies like ours to have the confidence to persuade investors to back the renewable heat

agenda to the levels necessary if the country is to have any chance of meeting its international renewable energy obligations. I would be happy to brief you in person, or provide more information upon request.

In the meantime, I would be most grateful if you would sign EDM XXX in support of an early Government announcement on the RHI, and if you would raise this with the relevant Minister (Gregory Barker) as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

(INSERT NAME OF CEO)