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Dear Jo,

Thank you so much for your email dated 4 November, on behalf of a number of your constituents, regarding their concerns surrounding the proposed closure of the Feed-in-Tariffs (FIT) scheme. Please pass on my thanks to your constituents for taking the time to write on this matter.

Solar PV is a UK success story. The technology has deployed rapidly over the last eight years, with over 99% of the UK's solar PV capacity having been deployed since April 2010. We are now exceeding our historic projections on solar PV deployment. In 2013, we estimated that solar capacity would reach 10-12GW by 2020, but latest figures indicate that we now have over 13GW of solar capacity installed in the UK.

Since the FIT scheme was introduced in 2010, it has made an important contribution, supporting over 800,000 installations and generating enough electricity to power two million homes. Our support has contributed to driving down the cost of renewable electricity, including small scale solar PV.

The FIT scheme is funded through levies on suppliers, and ultimately consumers, regardless of whether or not they directly participate in the scheme. It is only right that we protect consumers and adjust incentives as costs fall. In 2015, we announced that the generation tariff would close in 2019. We are now proposing to close the export tariff as we do not believe that the current FIT flat rate aligns with the Government's vision for fairer, cost reflective pricing and continued drive to minimise support costs on consumers.

On 19 July, we published a Consultation proposing to close the FIT scheme to new applicants after March 2019 and a Call for Evidence to understand further the challenges and opportunities for small-scale, low-carbon generation. Both the Consultation and Call for Evidence are now closed. We are currently carefully considering the responses, which will be used to inform future policy, and the Government will respond in due course.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope you and your constituents find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,



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