



Over 100 MPs Support Energy Bill Revolution

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Over 100 MPs from nine political parties have now signed up to a parliamentary petition in support of the Energy Bill Revolution campaign. Launched in February, the Energy Bill Revolution campaign is calling on the Government to spend carbon tax revenue on energy efficiency programmes to make UK homes super-energy efficient. The campaign offers the most effective solution to bring down household energy bills and end fuel poverty.

The parliamentary petition, Early Day Motion 2769, was put down by a cross party group of MPs, including Peter Aldous (Con), David Amess (Con), Malcolm Bruce (Lib Dem), John Leech (Lib Dem), Joan Walley (Lab) and Alan Whitehead (Lab). The signatories include MPs from nine parties, including 29 from the Coalition parties, Labour (57), Democratic Unionist Party, Social Democratic and Labour party, Scottish National party, Plaid Cymru, Green Party and Alliance Party.

The Government will raise an average of £4 billion in carbon tax every year from the European Emissions Trading Scheme and the Carbon Floor Price. It is enough, for example, to provide £6,500 to 600,000 fuel poor homes every year to make their homes highly energy efficient. It is enough to bring 9 out of 10 homes out of fuel poverty. It could also generate up to 200,000 jobs and save four times more carbon emissions than the Government's new energy efficiency policies.

Ed Matthew, Director of Transform UK, the organisation which is coordinating the campaign said:

"In only one month this campaign has attracted the support of over 100 MPs from across the political spectrum. These MPs understand that recycling carbon tax back to households offers the best hope for their constituents to slash their energy bills. It is scandalous that anyone in a developed country should face the choice of whether to buy food or heat their home. From next year the Government will have the money to end the blight of fuel poverty. This is the most fair and just solution and we call on all MPs to support it."

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Notes to Editors

1. For more information about the Energy Bill Revolution go to: www.energybillrevolution.org
2. For Early Day Motion 2769 go to: <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-12/2769> or see below:

REDUCING FUEL BILLS THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Session: 2010-12
- Date tabled: 23.02.2012
- Primary sponsor: [Aldous, Peter](#)
- Sponsors: [Amess, David](#); [Bruce, Malcolm](#); [Leech, John](#); [Walley, Joan](#); [Whitehead, Alan](#)

That this House recognises that energy bills are causing immense financial hardship, with one in four households struggling to heat their homes; believes that cold, badly insulated homes damage the health of the most vulnerable, including older people, children and people with disabilities, costing the NHS almost a billion pounds a year; further believes homes can be made warm and cheaper to heat with high quality insulation and energy efficiency measures; further believes that this is a cost-effective, fair and permanent way to reduce fuel bills and tackle fuel poverty and will generate many thousands of jobs and cut carbon emissions; and calls on the Government to use revenues raised from the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme and the Carbon Floor Price to provide additional resources for policies to deliver energy efficiency in homes, especially those housing the fuel poor.