

Prime Minister - The Rt Hon David Cameron MP

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Dear Prime Minister

Millions of households across the UK will struggle to pay their energy bills this winter, and one in four households is now in fuel poverty.

Cold homes are damaging the health of our most vulnerable citizens, including children, the elderly and disabled people. Treating the illnesses caused by cold homes and fuel poverty costs the NHS over £1 billion every year.

The most effective long term solution for the Government to reduce energy bills and end fuel poverty is to help households make their homes as energy efficient as possible.

Although the Green Deal and the Energy Company Obligation will help deliver energy efficiency measures in households, they are not enough to eliminate fuel poverty or end the financial hardship. A far higher level of Government investment in energy efficiency is required.

From 2013 the Government will collect over £2 billion in carbon tax revenue every year, rising to £4 billion by 2020. If carbon revenue were used to help make homes highly energy efficient it could eliminate fuel poverty and in time help every UK household to minimise their energy bills. It is also one of the best ways to generate economic growth and jobs and reduce carbon emissions.

We urge you to use carbon tax revenue to make UK homes super-energy efficient, prioritising the homes of the fuel poor. It is time to re-build Britain and end the fuel poverty crisis once and for all.

Yours sincerely

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