

Energy Bill REVOLUTION

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Chancellor of the Exchequer – The Rt Hon George Osborne MP

HM Treasury
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Dear Chancellor,

High energy bills are causing immense suffering for millions of families, children, older and disabled people. We have some of the lowest energy prices but among the highest energy bills. The biggest cause is the fact that the UK has some of the least energy efficient homes in Europe. As a result the UK has one of the worst rates of Excess Winter Deaths and fuel poverty in Europe.

The political debate on how to reduce energy bills needs to focus on long term solutions, which will bring down energy costs for generations to come, rather than quick fixes. Energy efficiency is by far the most cost effective solution for tackling both high energy bills and fuel poverty. It is also one of the best ways to create jobs and growth in the UK economy. It is for these reasons that the Prime Minister made the pledge in February this year to make the UK “the most energy efficient country in Europe”.

As you prepare for the Autumn Statement we ask you to make good on that pledge and ensure that not only is the funding for energy efficiency not reduced but that it is significantly increased. As alliance members of the Energy Bill Revolution campaign, which now has the support of over 150 national organisations and major companies, we believe that making homes highly energy efficient should be a priority UK infrastructure investment. This expansion could best be paid for by recycling carbon revenues from the Carbon Support Price and European Emissions Trading Scheme back into a home energy efficiency programme which is far more ambitious. It could make over half a million homes ‘super energy efficient’ every year.

We believe this is an affordable and efficient way to address the pressing energy bill crisis that will bring wider economic and environmental benefits. We urge you to announce in your Autumn Statement that you will adopt this proposal and provide a clear signal to the public that you intend to solve this crisis once and for all.

Yours sincerely,

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