

The Rt Hon Darren Jones MP
Chief Secretary to the Treasury
HM Treasury
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4th December 2024

Dear Mr Jones,

UK households are facing their fourth winter of eye-watering energy bills. Following the January price cap rise, households will be paying 65% more than they did at the start of the energy crisis.

As a result of these high prices, 8.8 million adults in the UK are living in cold damp homes and it is costing the NHS over [£500 million](#) every year.

We wholeheartedly support government action to ramp up homegrown renewable energy, which will provide long term price stability and energy security. But it will take time to deliver and people simply can't wait that long.

Currently, our heat-leaking homes are damp, cold and expensive to heat. In fact, the UK has some of the [worst insulated](#) homes in Europe; for every one unit of heat a German home loses, the UK equivalent loses three. This means we are wasting a shocking amount of energy and money as heat escapes through our walls, roofs, floors and windows. The same people who suffer from damp, mouldy homes in winter are stifled in summer when the sun comes out.

The Government was elected on a promise to bring down energy bills by £300. The UK has no control over international gas prices, nor is it possible to predict where they will go in the course of this Parliament. The surest way to deliver on this pledge and reduce energy costs for consumers is to insulate homes.

We the undersigned are calling on this Government to affirm its election promise to cut our energy bills by providing at least £13.2 billion towards the Warm Homes Plan in the Comprehensive Spending Review. Starting with the worst affected homes first, this Plan will help to bring our substandard homes up to scratch. When coupled with reforms to the Future Homes Standard, it will ensure that all new homes meet minimum energy efficiency standards irrespective of when the work started.

Yours sincerely,

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Impact on Urban Health
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Miller Research
Mothers Rise Up
National Energy Action
Natural Weigh - Zero Waste Shop
One Home Climate Solutions
Operation Noah
Parents For Future Scotland
Parents for Future UK
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South Dartmoor Community Energy
South Yorkshire Climate Alliance
Stop Climate Chaos Cymru,
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