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Dear Constituent,

RE: SUSTAINABLE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Thank you for contacting me about the climate. Climate change is one of the most serious long-term economic threats that this country and this world faces.

Last year was an important year for addressing climate change, the talks in Paris culminated in a global deal, and with every country in the world now signed up to play its part. Britain has already been leading the way, and will work towards reducing emissions by 80 per cent by 2050.

It's not satisfactory that the dirtiest fossil fuel, coal, is still a major part of our power generation. The UK will be one of the first developed countries to take coal out of the equation, with the recent announcement that all coal-fired power stations where carbon emissions aren't being captured and stored will be closed by 2025. The Government will build a new, clean energy infrastructure that is fit for the 21st century, based around gas, nuclear and renewables.

Britain is leading by example and the Government's Energy Act works towards decarbonising the UK's energy sector at the lowest possible cost to the consumer. It puts Britain firmly on track to meet the 2050 target to reduce emissions of all greenhouse gases by 80 per cent.

The Government also set up the International Climate Fund to provide £5.8 billion to help the world's poorest adapt to climate change and promote cleaner, greener economic growth. Through it, the UK works in partnership with developing countries to:

reduce carbon emissions through promoting low carbon development; help poor people protect themselves from the effects of climate change; and reduce deforestation.

In addition, the UK supports efforts to integrate climate change policies into international development plans.

Government support has driven down the cost of renewable energy. Solar, for example, has seen costs fall by 35 per cent in the last three years. I believe that Government support should help low-cost, low-carbon technologies to stand on their own two feet, rather than create dependence on public subsidies, which ultimately drive bills up for consumers.

I hope that I have demonstrated the Government's continuing commitment to low carbon energy, and I look forward to seeing this carried forward.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Quin".