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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about energy prices.

This Government understands the anxiety that many people are facing when it comes to rising energy bills. The Energy Price Cap remains in place and protects millions of people from sudden increases in global gas prices. The Government runs a number of targeted schemes which include the Warm Home Discount, which supports 2.2 million people with a £140 discount on their energy bills. Further schemes include the Winter Fuel Payments and the Cold Weather Payments – these ensure the most vulnerable are able to heat their homes over the colder months.

The Prime Minister has been clear that cutting VAT on energy bills would not be the most effective way to support those struggling most with fuel poverty. In fact, cutting VAT would disproportionately benefit wealthier people who typically use and spend more on energy. Instead, targeted measures that directly support the most vulnerable, such as the Warm Home Discount, Winter Fuel Payments and Cold Weather Payments, offer more appropriate solutions.

I appreciate the concerns about the green levy. However, the current energy situation has shown us that we must reduce our exposure to volatile fossil fuel costs and continue to diversify our energy mix. That is why I support the Government's continued efforts to invest in renewable energy. Significant progress in this area has already been made, 2020 was the first year a majority of our energy came from renewable sources and the cost of winter energy fell by 65% between 2015 and 2019, and there is still further to go.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
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