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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about social tariffs.

Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine led to unprecedented turmoil in global energy markets. I welcome that, following rapid increases in wholesale energy prices, the Government has taken action to protect consumers.

To support vulnerable consumers, the Government is maintaining the Energy Price Guarantee (EPG). The EPG limits the amount that consumers can be charged per unit of gas or electricity. The current price guarantee, set at £3,000, will support households until April 2024. Although energy prices are currently below the level at which EPG payments would be made, it will remain in force until the end of March 2024 to protect households from price spikes, putting in place a safety net for the most vulnerable.

Additionally, as set out at the Autumn Statement, the Government is working with consumer groups and industry to consider the best approach to consumer protection in energy markets, as part of wider retail market reforms. I understand that a variety of options, including social tariffs, are under consideration.

I read the petition for unmetered tariffs with interest and understand the Government is considering potential options, including discounted tariffs, for a new approach to consumer protection in energy markets that as part of wider retail market reforms. As part of this work, the Government is working with disability organisations, assessing the need for specific support for vulnerable people.

As set out in the Energy Security Strategy, the Government will continue to ensure that energy is affordable for all consumers, including the most vulnerable.



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Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

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