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[Title] [Second name],

I am writing to you as a concerned constituent with regard to the Government's plans for electricity micro-generation projects.

In [year], I took the decision to generate my own electricity by installing a [PV/wind turbine/hydro etc] electricity generator with a capacity of [x] KW in my home. Like many other people involved in micro-generation, I did so at the time without any expectation of financial reward; our main motivation was simply to be part of a small group of people determined to lead the way in exploring new methods for ordinary households to reduce their carbon emissions. We felt that the time, money and effort invested were a price worth paying in order to be part of this.

Those of us who took that decision looked forward to the publication of the final details of the Government's 'Clean Energy Cashback' scheme, also known as feed-in-tariffs. We saw this as the culmination of our collective efforts, knowing that it was our pioneering efforts that had helped the Government put together a policy which will hopefully help millions of households to move the UK towards a more sustainable future. However, any satisfaction that might be derived from that knowledge was quickly dampened by the realisation the Government does not plan to provide us with the same reward for micro-generation as those people undertaking projects after July 2009. Those people could be paid up to a rate of 41.3p per kWh. I will only be eligible for a payment rate of 9p per kWh. Furthermore those generators who installed their systems before 15th July 2009 and do not apply for accreditation before 31st March 2010 appear set to receive nothing for their electricity under these plans.

As my Member of Parliament I would urge you to question whether instead of discouraging those people who pioneer new means of tackling climate change, the Government should instead be sending a clear signal to those people that it will reward them for their innovation. I see no reason

why those of us who have led the way in pioneering micro-generation, essentially creating an industry that wouldn't exist today, should not be paid at least the same amount as the new generation of people installing micro-generation capacity for the first time. After all, it is those people who will benefit from the financial risks we have taken when breaking new ground. It is for this very reason that my own electricity supplier, Good Energy, is paying its generation community 15p per kW, well above the Government's proposed price.

I would welcome any help that you might be able to provide to resolve what is I'm sure you will agree is a grossly unfair situation. I would be particularly grateful if you could do so by adding your name to the Early Day Motion tabled by your Parliamentary colleague Alistair Carmichael MP and by speaking to or writing to the Energy Secretary, Ed Miliband.

I do hope that you are able to help. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,