

TEMPLATE LETTER FROM YOUR COMPANY TO LOCAL MP

XXX MP

House of Commons

London SW1A 0AA

Dear XXX

Threat to green jobs in

The government has announced proposals to cut a key incentive for renewable energy – the feed-in tariff. The scale and rapid nature of the cut would be devastating for [your company] which is based in your constituency and employs XXX people.

INSERT SOME MORE DETAIL ABOUT IMPACT

I am, therefore, writing to ask you to contact Chris Huhne, the Secretary of State of Energy and Climate Change, to call for changes in tariffs to be made from 1 April 2012 as previously stated. Given the seriousness of the threat to our company, I would also like to invite you to visit us to see first-hand what is at stake and to discuss how you can help protect green jobs in your constituency.

The feed-in tariff was brought in with cross-party support in April 2010 to support the development of secure and sustainable decentralised energy and bring prices down. The policy has been very successful. The south west has led the way with over 14,500 solar PV projects installed, 2,000 jobs created during difficult economic times and over 380 companies qualified to install renewable energy.

The cost of the feed-in tariff is currently less than £1 pound on the average bill, whilst helping to make the country less dependent on imported fossil fuels whose price volatility is driving recent price increases. As the price of solar PV falls, it is right that tariff rates are reduced and we, therefore, supported the government in reviewing and reducing rates from 1 April 2012.

However, by cutting the rates by more than 50% with so little notice the government is pulling the rug from under businesses such as ours that have invested in good faith on the basis of government policy. Reasonable notice must be given for such dramatic and far reaching changes.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,