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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
(Minister for Climate Change and Corporate Responsibility)  
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy  
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Dear Minister

**Green Homes Grant Voucher Scheme – a standard bearer for the Green Recovery**

At a critical point for the country there is a unique opportunity to deliver on the Prime Minister's commitment to assist households in improving the energy performance of their homes, reducing energy costs and at the same time support local economic growth by strengthening our resilience to the climate crisis.

In recent weeks media coverage of the Green Homes Grant has focussed on some of the teething problems experienced by the scheme. Although many concerns raised are grounded in truth, they only tell half of an increasingly positive story.

**GHG has proved incredibly popular with the public.** Pent up demand to improve homes, reduce energy costs and contribute to tackling climate change is finally being unlocked with hundreds of thousands of enquiries already received across the sector and work now being installed at increasing pace. All agree that interest has been unprecedented and in many cases astounding despite the challenges of the pandemic. New enquiries for insulation and low carbon heating measures have remained extremely strong despite the current lockdown.

**Partnership is working.** Industry, the civil service and the administrator have worked collaboratively to iron out the teething problems within the scheme which was designed and implemented within a record timeframe. The result is that we have managed to resolve some of the issues with vouchers now coming through more regularly and installs taking place to the required standards whilst the payment process continues to improve.

**Investment has been made and jobs are being created across the construction sector.** The announcement of GHGVS led to immediate investment by companies across the construction sector. From insulation contractors and installers of low carbon heating measures to plumbers, electricians, scaffolders and manufacturing, the supply chain has been gearing up to deliver on a huge scale. Any proposal for a further reduction in funding on this scheme would undoubtedly lead to completely the opposite effect with insolvencies, job losses and a huge lost opportunity for sustained job creation alongside the confidence and ability of the industry to invest in current and future schemes.

**Finally, energy efficient homes must continue to be at the heart of the Green Recovery.** Energy efficiency improvements will need to be accelerated with urgency to meet future climate goals. After many years it is clear that popular consciousness of the severity of our individual and collective challenge is now understood and being taken forward. It is critical that we continue to build momentum.

We the undersigned organisations, call on the Government to provide assurance to the supply chain and public that the Green Homes Grant scheme will continue and remain the positive springboard for the significant escalation required to meet the Governments future scheme ambitions. A briefing on the impact of early curtailment is supplied alongside this letter and we also place the network and expertise of our organisations at your disposal should this be of any assistance in deliberations across Government and help secure the future of what is promising to be an extremely popular scheme for consumers.

Yours sincerely

**Organisations representing or working in the energy efficiency and low carbon heat sector**



**Installers, Manufacturers and Distributors within the energy efficiency and low carbon heat sector**



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