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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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New Commitment,

RE: ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO LOWER VEHICLE EMISSIONS (APPG INQUIRY).

Thank you for contacting me recently about the APPG inquiry into alternative ways to lower vehicle emissions; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

I agree with you that motorists should not be overburdened with the responsibility of improving air quality and tackling climate change. It is crucial that we strike a fair and sustainable balance between keeping the cost of living as low as possible for ordinary hardworking people, whilst meeting our obligations towards environmental protection.

As a result, Ministers have directed sixty-one local authorities to develop local plans likely to achieve compliance. It is for local authorities to determine the measures that will enable them to comply with legal NO₂ limits in the shortest possible time, and charging is just one possible measure. Local authorities are also able to bid for additional money from a £220 million fund to minimise the impact of local plans on individuals and businesses.

More widely, I am glad that action is being taken to drive forward innovation in the vehicle industry which results in clean, affordable, technology. Ministers have set out a clear mission to put the UK at the forefront of the design and manufacturing of zero emissions vehicles, and for all new cars and vans to be effectively zero emission by 2040.

I would also note that fuel duty in 2018 will remain frozen for an eighth successive year, which will save the typical driver £160 a year, on average. I believe this shows a commitment to help hardworking people, as we transition towards a clean economy.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

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