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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: CARBON EMISSIONS.**

Thank you for contacting me recently about carbon emissions; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

The Government remains committed to meeting its legally-binding carbon budgets and to upholding the UK's international commitments on reducing carbon emissions. The Paris Agreement is a momentous step forward, and this has now been ratified by the UK.

I am encouraged to see that the Government will build on its progress already made on tackling climate change. The UK already has an existing target of an 80 percent reduction in emissions by 2050, and Ministers are now looking ahead to set out how it will continue to decarbonise through the 2020s.

The Fifth Carbon Budget commits the UK to reaching a 57 percent reduction on 1990s emission levels over the period 2028 to 2032. This is a very serious and challenging commitment, and Ministers have developed a Clean Growth Plan which sets out how this can be met in the most cost effective way, the full details of which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-growth-strategy>

The UK has already made excellent progress and is setting an example to the rest of the world. Britain will be one of the first developed countries to take coal out of the energy mix completely, with last year's announcement that all coal-fired power stations will close by 2025. In addition, renewable capacity has quadrupled since 2010, and the Government has sent clear signals to investors and businesses about the shift to a low-carbon 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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