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*Jean Comfuent*

**RE: CLIMATE CHANGE**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the UK Government's policy on climate change and emissions.

I read your comments on this issue with great interest and I have noted your concerns about this important issue.

We should all be immensely proud that the UK is leading on this issue. As a country we have successfully reduced emissions significantly in recent years. Between 2010 and 2018 we reduced greenhouse gas emissions by approximately a quarter overall and we have seen reductions of an average of 3.7% a year in CO<sup>2</sup> intensity. I am proud of this record and will continue to make the case for environmental policy that is founded on the fundamental principle of responsibility.

Furthermore, I would like to draw to your attention the fact that just yesterday, the House of Commons approved the *Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019*, which amended the greenhouse gas emissions reduction target in the *Climate Change Act 2008* from "at least 80%" to "at least 100%", thus committing the UK to a target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. This shows that the Government is committed to real action on environmental issues and I am sure you will welcome yesterday's decision. I have also enclosed a document outlining ten of the UK's key achievements on environmental policy for your information.

It has also come to my attention that a number of my constituents will be taking part in the climate change mass lobby event which is planned for the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019. I am always happy to meet with constituents to discuss their concerns and to listen to their views. If, therefore, you would like to meet me to discuss these issues as part of the event tomorrow, I would be very grateful if you could email me at: [pursglovet@parliament.uk](mailto:pursglovet@parliament.uk) and I would be very happy to set up a meeting with you in the Houses of Parliament.

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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## TEN CLIMATE ACTIONS TO CELEBRATE

1. The UK passed the [world's first Climate Change Act](#) over a decade ago with cross-party support. This gave us both a framework to set statutory carbon budgets and set up the independent Committee on Climate Change.
2. Since 2000, independent analysis shows that [no other major industrialised country has done more than the UK to cut CO<sub>2</sub> intensity](#) (the measure of carbon for each pound of GDP). We have seen reductions of an average of 3.7 percent a year, compared to the EU average of 2.3 per cent and a G7 average of 2.2 per cent. The last time emissions in the UK were this low was in [1888 when Queen Victoria was on the throne](#), and our progress is accelerating; between 2010 and 2018, we reduced UK greenhouse gas emissions by approximately a quarter overall.
3. [Ending coal use in our electricity generation](#) through a huge shift to renewables and gas driven by decisive policy action: a UK carbon floor price (in addition to the European ETS). We have seen coal use on the grid tumble from almost 40 per cent in 2012 to our first "coal free" generation day last April and our first coal-free week since the Industrial Revolution in May 2019. By 2025 the UK will have [no coal powered electricity generation](#).
4. We've used this achievement to [establish the global Powering Past Coal Alliance](#) with Canada – a coalition of 80 national and sub-national governments, businesses and organizations committed to phasing out unabated coal generation by no later than 2030.
5. Renewable electricity generation has quadrupled since 2010 and [clean electricity now gives us over 50 per cent](#) of our total.
6. Our renewables mix is diverse but we are rapidly developing the incredible potential for offshore wind around our coastlines, with [the world's largest offshore wind capacity](#) (8GW) and a launch last month of new £250 million sector deal to provide at least 30 percent of our electricity from offshore wind by 2030 (and a requirement that at least 60 per cent of the supply chain is UK sourced by 2030).
7. The low carbon sector and its supply chain is now providing almost [400,000 green collar jobs in the UK](#) (more than aerospace) and is growing much faster than the main economy – with estimated potential exports of more than £60 billion by 2030.
8. The government is [investing more than £2.5 billion in low carbon technology](#) over this parliament – the largest ever public R&D investment in clean growth.
9. We want to go further and faster and the UK was the [first major industrial economy to ask for independent advice \(from the Committee on Climate Change\) on how to reach a Net Zero economy](#) after the publication of the IPCC report last year.
10. We have consistently been in the vanguard of international action, helping to lead the Paris 2015 Climate conference, delivering £6 billion in International Climate Finance over this Parliament and [bidding to host the crucial 2020 UN climate negotiations here in the UK](#).