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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

**LONDON SW1A 0AA**

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*Dear Constance,*

**RE: EMERGENCY ENERGY TARIFF CAMPAIGN**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the 'Emergency Energy Tariff Campaign'. I have read your comments with interest.

I am aware of the impact that global energy price rises have had on consumers, and I welcome the action taken by the Government to support the most vulnerable.

To support consumers, the Government is maintaining the Energy Price Guarantee (EPG) until April 2024. As you may know, the EPG limits the amount that consumers can be charged per unit of gas or electricity. Although energy prices are currently below the level at which EPG payments would be made, its continuation through the winter will protect consumers from price spikes.

Alongside this, over 2023-24, the Government is providing targeted support to the most vulnerable through Cost of Living Payments, which will be paid to eight million households on eligible means-tested-benefits, six million people on eligible disability benefits, and eight million pensioner households. Additionally, to empower local authorities to provide discretionary support to those most in need, the Government has provided £1 billion of extra funding to the Household Support Fund, bringing the total of the fund to £2.5 billion. This is being administered in our area through North Northamptonshire Council.

Moreover, as you may know, benefits and the State Pension were increased by 10.1 percent, in line with inflation, in April 2023. Indeed, in April 2024, all working-age benefits will be uprated in line with September's 2023 Consumer Price Index inflation – 6.7 percent.

More broadly, to shield consumers from fluctuations in the global energy market, the Government is taking steps to safeguard Britain's energy supply and power up Britain. Alongside the measures I have outlined, the Government will bring forward legislation to reduce dependence on higher-emission imports from overseas, including from countries like Russia.

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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