

To: Rt Hon Darren Jones MP
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His Majesty's Treasury
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CC: Cabinet Office, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero Ed Miliband

Dear Chief Secretary,

We urge the UK Government to fulfil its manifesto pledge to invest £13.2bn in the Warm Homes Plan and save families hundreds of pounds on their energy bills.

Exposure to high gas prices on the international market continues to hurt UK households, with high heating bills having a devastating impact on families. [6.5 million households](#) are still in fuel poverty and some families having to choose between heating and eating. Set within a broader cost of living crisis, the Warm Homes Plan can provide essential investment to lower bills and make homes warmer and healthier to live in.

The signatories to this letter represent independent consumer, social and environmental organisations and bodies. There is consensus among us that cutting the Warm Homes Plan budget would risk the UK Government missing statutory fuel poverty and climate targets, while curtailing a nationwide infrastructure project which is vital for delivering on economic growth.

So far, the UK Government has only committed to spending half of the previous government's [planned annual investment](#) on home upgrades. Continuing with this investment trajectory will risk missing the UK's obligations to end fuel poverty and keep millions of working households trapped on costly gas. It is notable that 82% of the 300 constituencies with the highest rates of fuel poverty have Labour MPs. Additionally, by cutting the Warm Homes Plan, the UK Government would be highly likely to overshoot the statutory carbon budget.

Instead, the UK Government should reaffirm its manifesto commitment to deliver the full Warm Homes Plan budget, which E3G analysis estimates will add 0.8% to the UK's GDP this parliament. For scale, London's £19bn Elizabeth Line [was estimated](#) to add 0.2% to annual GDP over 60 years. Therefore, investing in warm homes delivers similar added GDP growth per £ spent, but faster and with benefits distributed across the country. Simultaneously, it would reduce energy bills by £200 every year for 2.9 million households or 7 million people.

The undersigned urge the UK Government to fully fund the Warm Homes Plan, which would create economic opportunities across the country, while making a major contribution to tackling fuel poverty and reducing household energy bills this Parliament. This is the most productive and socially beneficial infrastructure investment this government can make and we ask you to honour the manifesto commitment.

Yours sincerely,

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