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Thank you for your email of 28 September, on behalf of your constituents' concerns about carbon emissions from homes.

Firstly, let me reassure you, and your constituents, that the Government remains fully committed to meeting its climate change targets and recognises the important contribution that the energy efficiency of buildings have to make in meeting these targets. However, we must ensure that this is done in a way that recognises the long-term challenge the UK faces to substantially increase housing supply.

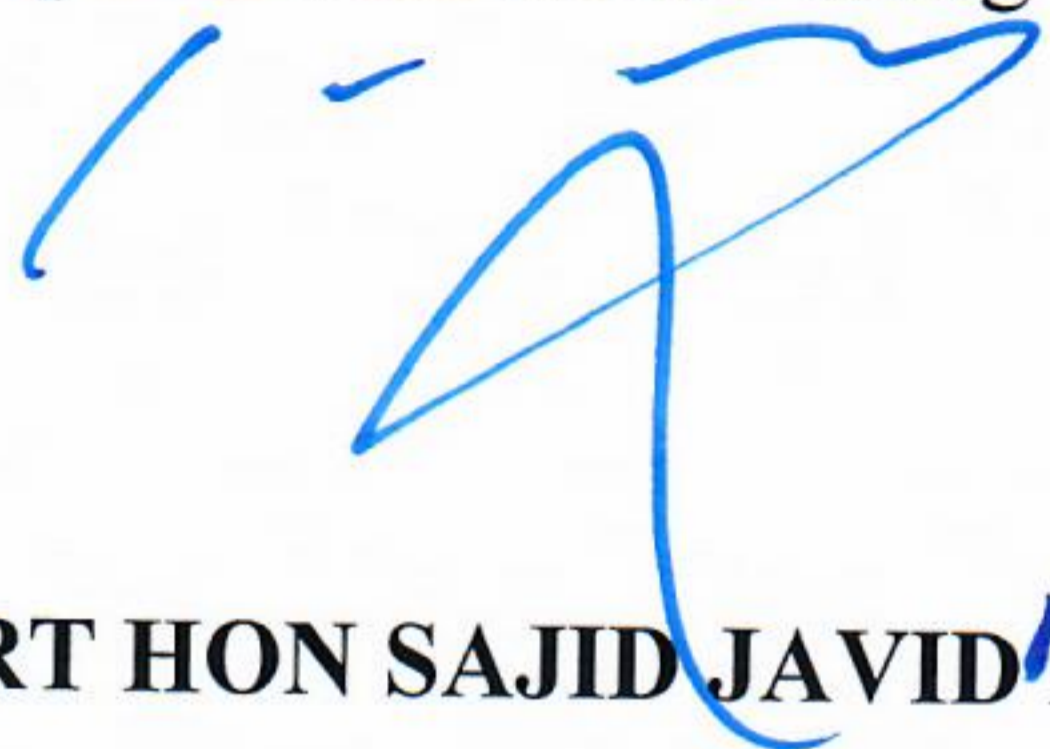
We are determined to improve the energy efficiency for existing homes, especially for the least well off, as part of our commitment to ensure fuel poor households have an energy efficiency rating of Band C by 2030.

The extension to the Energy Company Obligation, which began in April, is expected to improve the energy efficiency of well over 200,000 homes per year, tackling the root cause of fuel poverty.

The Building Regulations set minimum energy performance standards for new homes and non-domestic buildings. The energy standard for new homes has been increased by over 30% since 2010 reducing energy bills by £200 per annum on average and saving carbon.

The Government has commissioned an independent review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, being led by Dame Judith Hackitt. The review will report in spring 2018. Following the outcome of the independent review, and subject to its conclusions, the Government intends to consult on improving requirements for new homes where the evidence suggests that there are cost effective and affordable opportunities, and it is safe and practical to do so.

I hope the above is useful to explain what we are doing to make homes more energy efficient.



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