

An open letter to

The Rt.Hon. Edward Davey MP

Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change

Dear Secretary of State,

Congratulations on your recent appointment, and on your first week as Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change – you will have seen already that this won't be an easy ride. However, we welcome the **clarity of direction and ambition** you showed in your first full day in the job last Monday, when you recognised the potential for the low-carbon industries of the future to help rebalance the UK economy.

As you know, the transition to a low-carbon economy in tough economic times will be a key challenge for consumers and industry – but it is also an **opportunity for the UK**.

As you said on Monday, greening the economy “isn't just good for the planet – it's good for the wallets, purses and pockets of every British citizen too”. Decisions, taken in the next year or two, must ensure that this transition delivers **clean and affordable energy** for all in the most efficient way. Credible long-term policies and vocal ministerial support across Government are therefore needed to give businesses sufficient certainty to invest and expand in the UK.

Our organisations, therefore, stand ready to support you on your efforts to:

- Invest in ambitious programmes to increase **energy efficiencies** across the economy, reduce bills and improve energy security
- Establish the UK as a **leading green economy** – providing a hub for jobs, sustainable growth and prosperity
- Create the **confidence for businesses** to invest in renewable energy in the UK.

We look forward to working with you on this agenda.

