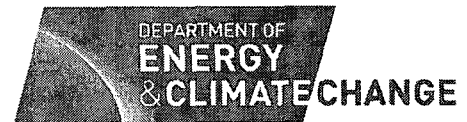


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Dear Tessa

Thank you for your letter dated 22 February enclosing a copy of a letter you have received from a number of your constituents, about Earth Hour and the Government's commitment to agreeing a strong global deal on climate change.

Last year Earth Hour was an impressive and symbolic demonstration of world wide support for a deal to cut global greenhouse gas emissions. To show support for Earth Hour several Government buildings turned off their lights including the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). DECC will support Earth Hour again this year by turning off the lights in both our London and Aberdeen offices.

As your constituents rightly note, 2010 is another critical year for action on climate change. We must maintain the momentum we built in the run-up to Copenhagen with the help of public movements such as Earth Hour. We must continue to strive for the ambitious legally binding deal we need to tackle climate change and reduce the serious threat it poses to global equity, security and prosperity.

Popular pressure like Earth Hour leaves little doubt that a comprehensive binding global deal must be delivered as soon as possible.

The Copenhagen Accord is, however, an important milestone in the global fight against climate change. In particular, the Accord:

- agrees to take action to hold the increase in global temperatures below 2°C;
- lists commitments and actions to cut emissions by developed and developing countries;
- introduces real scrutiny to ensure emission targets are met by both developed and developing countries, with mandatory reporting every two years; and

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- provides finance from developed countries to help the least developed countries tackle and adapt to climate change – fast-start finance rising to \$10 billion per year by 2012, and long term financing of \$100 billion a year by 2020.

These measures will be good for the environment, good for the economy, and a clear signal of commitment to move to a low carbon future.

The Government supports Earth Hour's message that everyone must take steps to reduce their carbon emissions. Our ACT ON CO₂ national advertising campaign encourages individuals to find out about the action they can take to reduce their carbon footprint.

Your constituents can find more information at: www.direct.gov.uk/actonco2.

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