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## Enabling Community Energy in the new Net Zero Strategy

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Dear Mr Shapps,

I bring this to the top of the ministerial inbox, aware that there has been a lot on recently.

However we note that the Response to the Net Zero Review and the Powering Up Britain plan continue to neglect community energy, your key grassroots net zero ally.

We do not think any of the arguments contained in those documents is a sufficient justification for this continued neglect. We look forward to your reply to our letter which we hope will address its points carefully.

The PM has requested you convene a meeting with us and leading retailers who wrote to him in December (linked in the attached letter). We look forward to that meeting to hear any justification you can bring and to try to convince you further of the extremely good case for investing in community energy, already made by the Environmental Audit Committee, Chris Skidmore and in our attached letter.

Other parties are taking our case very seriously.

Yours sincerely

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