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Please see below. Grateful if you could arrange for a TOF response please.

Thanks

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Subject: Withdrawal of RHI scheme

Dear Minister Bell,

I am writing to express my concerns over your proposal to scrap the Renewable Heat Incentive scheme as announced yesterday with little or no warning to those who have already commenced orders or indeed to the engineering companies which supply the relevant installations.

We are one of a number of small companies which I know of who are in the early stages of a biomass installation. The main reason for our decision and I'm sure most of the other qualifying renewable schemes of this kind was the RHI.

We have already invested a large sum of money at the ordering stage of our installation and your proposal to scrap the RHI scheme with immediate effect will leave us unable to conclude it leaving us with a sizable financial loss which in the current financial climate in our industry will have serious repercussions on our ongoing viability. I'm sure there are many other businesses in identical situations and those even further down the line who have invested even greater sums who will now not qualify for the scheme under your proposals.

This added to the obvious effect it will have on the renewable energies market in NI would appear to me to fly in the face of what a department for Trade, Enterprise and Investment should be aiming to achieve.

I am only too aware of the budgetary constraints which your department face, as a business operating in the Nursing Home industry we have been suffering from the effects of such constraints for many years, but I would suggest that your proposal is short sighted, will cost many jobs and see many business in many industries cease to trade.

I was aware of the possibility of a change to or withdrawal of the scheme before we gave the go ahead for our proposed installation however this decision was taken based on the official information from your department being the next review on this scheme would take place on 31st March this year. Having set this review date it should have been entirely predictable that there would be an increase in applications in the run up to this date which I can only assume is the reasoning for scrapping the scheme without notice.

I sincerely hope you take my concerns on board and at the very least amend your proposals to account for those businesses such as our own who have already placed orders and will be significantly out of pocket should the RHI scheme not be available to them.

Yours sincerely

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