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For Action.

Regards
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From: Andrew McFarland [Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry]
Sent: 10 February 2016 21:59
To: Info IMCAB
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Dear Ministers,

I am writing to express my concerns in relation to the closure of the RHI scheme which I believe is being voted on in Stormont [on Monday next week](#).

Over the last few days I have spoken to a number of business owners who operate in the renewable energy sector and they have spoke of the implication for their business and their employees.

While many understand that the scheme cannot last forever, it is the brutally short notice of its closure that will cause most problems.

Such short notice means that among other problems:

1. Boiler manufactures will have existing orders cancelled. In many cases this will mean that manufacturers will have money invested in already complete, or part complete boilers from which they will never see any return.
2. Installers are holding stock (i.e. Boilers and associated equipment) which will be impossible to sell after the scheme closes and which will still have to be paid for which will no doubt lead to long term cash-flow issues.
3. There will be end users who have had boilers installed in recent weeks and months who have not already filed all necessary paperwork. Ten days notice is simply not enough time for end users to complete this and there will be many, many businesses and homeowners who will suffer massive financial hardship as a result.

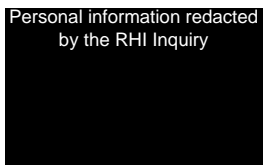
In summary, I feel that the abrupt closure of this scheme will put unnecessary financial pressure on business and home owners at all points in the supply chain. While the closure of the scheme will always result in job losses, ending it like this will be a catastrophe for many. Many of those I have spoken to have told me the they simply have too much stock on hand to possibly survive this.

Due to all of this, I implore you to vote against the closure of the scheme on Monday, and instead advocate a different approach which will give all players in the marketplace a chance to continue in business post RHI, and give all of those who have invested in this technology an appropriate chance to file the necessary paperwork and receive the payments which incentivised them to invest in the first place.

Yours,

Andrew McFarland

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