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Dear Rt. Hon. Pat Mcfadden MP,

Congratulations on your appointment.

The Department for Work and Pensions plays a vital role in tackling fuel poverty, both through direct financial support and its role in identifying vulnerable households.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with you to ensure that the [Warm Homes Plan](#) and other Government support programmes complement DWP's work and reach those most in need.

In particular, we urge your department to:

- Improve uptake of Pension Credit and related schemes that automatically trigger the Warm Home Discount or Winter Fuel Payment;
- Enable integration between energy efficiency upgrades and benefit checks, as pioneered in past schemes like Warm Zones;
- Ensure that households in fuel poverty are proactively identified and referred into retrofit programmes and for wider support;
- Widen current data sharing arrangements to make sure all households on low income and in fuel poverty receive support, as well as those claiming means-tested benefits.
- Reform [Cold Weather Payments](#) so that they are paid proactively to eligible households when the Met Office forecasts low temperatures (rather than the retrospective approach currently taken).

We would appreciate a meeting with you to discuss these issues further.

Yours sincerely,  
Simon Francis  
Coordinator, End Fuel Poverty Coalition

## About the End Fuel Poverty Coalition

The End Fuel Poverty Coalition is a [broad coalition of more than 100 anti-poverty, health, housing and environmental campaigners, charities, local authorities, trade unions and consumer organisations](#). It is also supported by academics, social enterprises and those working on the front line of fighting fuel poverty.

We believe that everybody has the right to a warm, dry home that they can afford to heat and power.

Members of the Coalition include: [Action with Communities in Rural England](#), [ACE Research](#), [Age UK](#), [All Birmingham's Children](#), [Austerity Action Group](#), [Association of Green Councillors](#), [Association of Local Energy Officers](#), [Association for Decentralised Energy](#), [Asthma + Lung UK](#), [Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council](#), [Beat the Cold](#), [Bruton Town Council](#), [Camden Federation of Private Tenants](#), [Carers Trust](#), [Child Poverty Action Group](#), [Church Poverty Action](#), [Chartered Institute of Environmental Health](#), [Chartered Institute of Housing](#), [Community Action Northumberland](#), [Centre for Sustainable Energy](#), [Climate Action Network West Midlands](#), [Debt Justice](#), [Disability Poverty Campaign Group](#), [Disability Rights UK](#), [E3G](#), [Energise Sussex Coast](#), [Energy Advice Line](#), [Energy Cities](#), [Epilepsy Action](#), [Exeter Community Energy](#), [Fair Energy Campaign](#), [Fair By Design](#), [Foster Support](#), [Fuel Poverty Action](#), [Fuel Poverty Research Network](#), [Generation Rent](#), [Good Law Project](#), [Groundwork](#), [Hackney Foodbank](#), [Heat Trust](#), [the HEET Project](#), [Home Start Oxford](#), [Independent Age](#), [Independent Food Aid Network](#), [Inner City Life](#), [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#), [Lambeth Pensioners Action Group](#), [London Borough of Camden](#), [London Borough of Lewisham](#), [Marches Energy Action](#), [Marie Curie](#), [Mencap](#), [Mayor of London](#), [MECC Trust](#), [Moorland Climate Action](#), [National Pensioners Convention](#), [National Union of Students / Students Organising for Sustainability](#), [NCB](#), [National Energy Action](#), [New Economics Foundation](#), [National Federation of Women's Institutes](#), [Northern Health Services Alliance](#), [Oxford City Council](#), [Positive Money Tower Hamlets](#), [Plymouth Community Energy](#), [Redcar & Cleveland Council](#), [Repowering London](#), [Retrofit Bruton](#), [Right To Energy Coalition](#), [Rossendale Valley Energy](#), [Ryecroft Community Hub](#), [Save the Children](#), [Sense](#), [Severn Wye](#), [Scope](#), [Shaping Our Lives](#), [Social Workers Union](#), [South Dartmoor Community Energy](#), [South East London Community Energy](#), [Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations](#), [South West London Law Centres](#), [Stop The Squeeze](#), [Tamar Energy Community](#), [Thinking Works](#), [Uplift](#), [UNISON](#), [Warm & Well North Yorkshire](#), [Warm & Well in Merton](#), [Winter Warmth Network](#), [Young Lives vs Cancer](#), [361 Energy](#).

The Coalition is also part of the [End Child Poverty Coalition](#) and the [Renters Reform Coalition](#). We work closely with [Energy Action Scotland](#), [NEA Wales](#) and the [Fuel Poverty NI coalition](#). The coordination for the [End Fuel Poverty Coalition](#) is provided by social enterprise [Campaign Collective](#).

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