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Dear MP name,

**High cost of switching my home from oil heating to a heat pump**

I am writing to you as a constituent with concerns over the costs involved in switching the heating system in my home from oil heating to a heat pump.

I visited the government website and completed the [online calculator](https://www.heat-pump-check.service.gov.uk/) which outlined that the cost of installing a heat pump and making all the improvements to my home is £xxx.

I simply cannot afford this, especially as other utility bills, petrol and food prices continue to rise, and the grants available to help manage some of the costs are very limited.

I understand that the Government has proposed a ban on the installation of replacement fossil fuel oil boilers from 2026 with homeowners like me expected to switch to a heat pump to help reduce carbon emissions from home heating.

However, given the high costs I will face, I am very concerned about this proposal and I do not understand why homes like mine, which aren’t connected to mains gas, are being unfairly targeted in this way.

I am also worried about what I will do after 2026 if my oil boiler suddenly stops working and I have to quickly find a way of installing a heat pump. I would much prefer a solution that is far less expensive and disruptive.

I fully support taking steps to reduce carbon emissions from my home but the cost of the heat pump, combined with the additional improvements needed from larger radiators to a new hot water tank, are simple unrealistic for me and many other homeowners.

I would instead welcome the opportunity to keep my existing oil boiler but switch to a renewable liquid fuel alternative. I understand there is an option available called HVO and that this has been successfully used in hundreds of homes as part of an industry demonstration project, reducing carbon emissions in each home by nearly 90%.

However, whilst this fuel is used in planes and road vehicles, it is not currently eligible for any government support schemes to reduce costs for home heating. I believe this type of solution would save me huge costs and help me play my part in cutting my emissions.

I urge you to support the delivery of this fuel and would be grateful if you could you make my views known to the most appropriate person in Government. I would also be interested to know if you have completed the government’s online heat pump calculator for your property to understand the costs involved.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Your name