## Template follow-up email to send to your MP

Dear [MPs name],

My name is [...] and I'm one of your constituents.

Thank you very much to [MP team member's name] for speaking to me on the phone.

I contacted your office today because I am deeply concerned that the Government is considering proposals to grant new subsidies from UK energy bills to companies like Drax that burn trees when their current subsidies run out in 2027.

Drax is the UK <u>single largest carbon emitter</u> and the world's biggest tree burner. Both Drax in Yorkshire and Lynemouth in Northumberland are burning wood from some of the world's most biodiverse forests in the Southern USA, Canada, Estonia and Latvia.

This logging is devastating <u>forests</u>, harming wildlife and polluting <u>communities</u> who are suffering severe health impacts from the wood pellet mills that supply Drax and other power stations. Recent <u>research</u> shows that Drax-owned facilities have broken environmental rules more than 11,000 times in the US since 2014.

New subsidies would allow both power stations to keep burning trees, destroying forests and harming people and wildlife at our expense for years to come.

Any new subsidies for burning wood would also worsen the climate emergency, with scientists around the world warning that burning wood for energy increases global warming for decades to centuries and new research revealing that <a href="Drax will keep raising carbon emissions levels until 2050">Drax will keep raising carbon emissions levels until 2050</a> if it continues burning trees.

I believe that renewable energy subsidies should not be spent on funding tree burning in power stations. Instead, they should be transferred to genuine climate solutions like home insulation and wind and solar power. You can find more information about why it is vital to stop new subsidies for burning trees in this MP Briefing.

I would be grateful if you could sign the <u>Stop Burning Trees MP pledge</u> to support an end to subsidies for burning wood and if you could share my concerns with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The <u>MP Briefing</u> also includes information on how you can take further action.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,