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[INSERT NAME OF MP]

House of Commons

London

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Dear [INSERT NAME OF MP],

**Re: Request to delay the implementation of legislation regarding red diesel**

As a business in the construction sector and a member the Scottish Plant Owners Association (SPOA), I am writing to ask for your support in petitioning the Chancellor of the Exchequer to delay the implementation of the forthcoming legislation which will remove the construction sector’s entitlement to use red diesel and rebated biodiesel.

The legislation is due to come into force April 1st, however, with the escalating situation in Ukraine, the construction sector is facing crippling costs and an uncertain future.

Whilst I fully appreciate that nobody could have predicted the invasion by Russia of the Ukraine, the ripple effect is already being felt in the UK. Fuel prices have shot up in the last few days to as much as £1.50+VAT (£1.80) per litre for white diesel in some parts of the UK.

Considering that, prior to the attack on Ukraine, industry was expecting purely the duty difference to bring fuel to around £1.12/1.20+VAT per litre, this is another hammer blow to the plant and construction industries. We simply cannot sustain this gross inflation of fuel prices and I urge you to consider a delay to the planned implementation date of 1st April.

I recognise that the Government is grappling with multiple challenges as a result of the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and I fervently trust that the British Government will do all it can to support Ukraine and its people. At the same time, British industry, and indeed consumers, are facing escalating fuel prices which can only have detrimental consequences on the whole economy.

I respectfully ask that you consider this request. For absolute clarity, this is not a request to revoke the legislation, rather a plea to delay its implementation in response to the escalating situation in Ukraine.

Yours faithfully,

[INSERT NAME]

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