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Dear

Peter

Thank you for attending the recent round table on Home Energy. I was very pleased to hear of your plans for taking forward the Independent Review of Consumer Advice, Protection, Standards and Enforcement, which I and my colleague Greg Clark (with whom I am jointly writing this letter) have appointed you to lead.

I fully support your proposal for a review which is action focussed and which seeks strong industry leadership. This will demonstrate to consumers that they can trust in both the products and the way that they are installed.

This will allow us to tackle the problems that exist within the supply chain such as rogue traders, poor quality installations and compliance issues. These problems have caused real impacts on consumers. A more robust framework for quality will both encourage consumers to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy, and will help simplify and reduce the cost of Government schemes in the future, for example in taking forward our Fuel Poverty Strategy.

The review comes at a critical time for the energy efficiency and renewable energy industry. I am aware that for the review to be successful we need industry to show leadership as we move to a long term and sustainable future for this sector. Please share this letter with those considering their involvement in the review, which I am sure will animate the energy efficiency and renewable energy sector. I hope the letter underlines the support that you have from Government in undertaking this review.

I am sure that your previous experience leading BRE, plus from leading similar reviews for Defra and at the Olympic Delivery Authority will also prove invaluable in driving the review forward. As with those reviews, the work you are doing is wholly separate from your role with the Building Research Establishment and represents independent advice to Government and industry.

In addition to working closely with our Departments, I would encourage you to engage across Government. There should be strong synergies with Business Innovation and Skills on innovation and with Department of Health given the strong health benefits that derive from warmer, more energy efficient homes.

I would like to be regularly updated with your progress over the period of the review, which is due to conclude in March next year.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amber', written in a cursive style.

AMBER RUDD