Dear Sir or Madam,

Reducing Red Tape

As you will be aware, the Coalition Government is committed to cutting unnecessary red tape and excessive regulation. In recent weeks, both the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Business have made announcements demonstrating the importance of this commitment. As the Minister in the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) responsible for our regulatory agenda, I am keen to work with you to explore the scope for reducing and simplifying the burden of red tape imposed by DECC.

DECC has a challenging and critical agenda to ensure energy security and avoid dangerous climate change. In light of the importance of this agenda 26 initiatives relating to energy and climate change were included in the Coalition Programme – and we shall need to use a wide range of levers to cut carbon emissions, decarbonise the economy and support the creation of new green jobs and technologies. However, we are committed to ensuring that the resulting burden on business is as light as possible while still delivering these very important goals.

I am therefore writing to you now to ask whether there are any existing or planned DECC regulations which you believe should be simplified or repealed. Specifically, I would like to hear your views on:

What burdens imposed by policies and regulations associated with energy and climate change do you think should be amended, reduced or removed and why?

We aim to conduct this exercise as quickly as possible. For this reason, responses would be much appreciated by Thursday 1st July 2010. I have designated Ferry Lienert at this Department to coordinate this process and responses should be sent to him at Ferry.Lienert@decc.gsi.gov.uk.

For transparency, a summary of the responses received from this exercise will be published on the DECC website. We are determined to deliver leaner regulation but it
must however be fair and reasonable which I am sure you understand when responding to this request.

I much appreciate you taking the time to respond to this initiative which I hope you welcome.

With kind regards

[Signature]

LORD MARLAND OF ODSTOCK