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Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill

Dear Minister

I attach for your information a briefing from the Stove Industry Association about the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill. I hope you find it useful when considering amendments during Stages 1 and 2 of the Bill's progress through the Senedd.

The Stove Industry Association is supportive of the Bill's aims and general principles, and we also feel we can help build on some of its provisions to make it more robust.

The Association is also pleased to see that you are searching for more carbon efficient ways of using your wood-burning stove. As you will know, the industry has been producing wood-burning stoves to Ecodesign standards since as early as 2017. In 2020, the clearSkies appliance certification scheme was launched. This independently administered scheme highlights a comprehensive range of stoves that meet Ecodesign, comply with Defra smoke control area exemption and, at Levels 4 and 5, have even lower emissions and further improved efficiency than the minimum requirements of Ecodesign.

On the Bill itself, I would like to draw your attention to the review of the air quality strategy, as well as the regulations under sections 10 and 12, where we believe the industry can also be included as consultees. The Stove Industry Association has numerous resources and information on carbon emissions reduction and new technologies which we think will assist in future air quality strategies and targets.

We also note that you have expressed a desire to educate members of the public about best practice use of domestic fuels and we can help to communicate that message as well, through our knowledge and understanding of the different types of domestic burning and how they impact on air quality. You may wish to look at our social media feeds to see some examples of this in action.

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Our overall aim is to ensure that we continue our constructive engagement with yourself and the Senedd throughout the Bill's passage, and to highlight that we can help with energy costs, energy efficiency and carbon reduction in households across Wales. As such, I would be most grateful if we could arrange a meeting with your officials to discuss this further.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AH' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andy Hill  
Chair  
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