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To: [Redacted personal data]
Subject: TO/HIDCC/05371/24 Letter from the Stove Industry Association

Good morning [Redacted personal data]

Thank you for the letter from the Stove Industry Association to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, I have been asked to respond.

I am warmed that the SIA is committed to supporting us in our ambition to improve air quality in Wales and I would like to convey our thanks for their engagement during the development of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024. It remains our intention to draw on the experience of organisations such as the SIA when developing any communication tools in support of the Act.

We have now entered the implementation phase of the Act and are developing the smoke control guidance and the promoting awareness delivery plan. We expect to consult with stakeholders late 2024/early 2025.

Beyond the Act, we are taking forward regulations to ban the sale of the most polluting forms of solid fuel for domestic use, as indicated in the response to the [consultation](#) on 'Reducing emissions from domestic burning of solid fuels'. These are bituminous coal, smaller quantities of wet wood and MSFs that don't meet the required standard. The regulations will be accompanied by a best practice guide for burning in the home. We are in the evidence collecting stage and it would be good to get early input from the SIA.

I am happy for the SIA to contact me direct to arrange a meeting.

Kind regards,

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