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Cc: The Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP, Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to you on behalf to the House of Lords Environment and Climate Change Committee in the light of the Government's new approach to net zero policies, in particular the decision to push back the phase-out date for the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles from 2030 to 2035.

In August, the Committee launched an inquiry into electric vehicles in the UK.<sup>1</sup> As part of this inquiry, the Office for Zero Emissions Vehicles (OZEV) submitted written evidence, for which we are grateful.<sup>2</sup>

In the light of the Prime Minister's recent announcements and the submission we have already received from OZEV, we have two questions for the Government:

1. **How will the recent decision to delay the ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles from 2030 to 2035 impact the UK's ability to meet the overarching target of achieving net zero by 2050?** We would be grateful if you

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<sup>1</sup> House of Lords Environment and Climate Change Committee, Electric vehicles inquiry

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/515/environment-and-climate-change-committee/>

<sup>2</sup> House of Lords Environment and Climate Change Committee, Electric vehicles inquiry: OZEV written submission <https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7846/electric-vehicles/publications/written-evidence/>



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could set out any impact assessments and analysis undertaken by the Government before this change in direction was announced.

2. **What plans does the Government have to introduce a ZEV mandate in the light of its decision to delay the ban on sales of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 to 2035?**

We look forward to your response and to continuing to engage with the Government on this matter as our inquiry progresses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Parmiter'.

**Baroness Parminter**

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