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Dear Colleague,

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINTS

Following on from the UK's global leadership at COP26 and the publication of the Government's Net Zero Strategy, I am happy to announce we are publishing details of new regulations to support the transition to electric vehicles.

First, we are introducing new regulations that will mean all new homes and non-residential buildings, and those that undergo major renovation, will be required to have a charge point installed. This will ensure people buying or renting new homes can start every day with a fully charged vehicle, and give electric vehicle drivers who do not have access to off-street parking the ability to charge conveniently as they go about their lives at new offices and shops. These world-leading regulations will see the installation of hundreds of thousands of extra charge points ahead of the 2030 phase out date of petrol and diesel cars and vans, boosting green jobs across the country. We expect the regulations to be laid in December and to come into force mid-2022.

Second, after consulting with industry, we will be regulating the charge point sector in order to simplify the driver experience. We will be ensuring that all new fast and rapid charge points have simpler ways to pay, such as contactless. As well as making sure charge points are interoperable and reliable, and that prices are clear upfront. This will be supported by new requirements to open electric vehicle charge point data, which will allow people to easily find a charge point when they need one. These measures will help make it easier, simpler and cheaper for people to go electric. We expect the regulations to be laid next year.

Decarbonising our transport sector – which accounted for 27% of the UK's total emissions in 2019 – is a priority and electric vehicles are a key part of the solution.

I would like to thank all colleagues for their continued support on the Government's ambitious plans in this area.

Yours ever,

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

Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP

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