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An open letter to the Prime Minister David Cameron

Dear Prime Minister,

As businesses strongly committed to supporting renewable energy we have welcomed how the Feed in Tariff (FiT) and other policy measures have helped the UK's renewables industry thrive and cut costs in recent years.

The IEA's World Energy Outlook 2015 shows that renewables are set to become the leading source of new energy supply from now to 2040. For example, solar power alone could be worth up to \$10 trillion over the next decade globally and should soon be able to go subsidy free in the UK. However, in order to thrive, the industry requires stable policies with a gradual phase out of support to enable renewable technologies to smoothly transition towards grid-parity.

Regular changes to the policy environment undermine confidence in investment in infrastructure of all kinds and impact on the UK's ability to continue competing in the rapidly growing global low-carbon sector.

As we approach the Paris Climate Conference, the latest government figures show renewable energy already accounts for nearly a quarter of the UK's electricity. We believe that much more can be achieved in terms of deployment, cost reduction and supply chain benefits.

We would like to see your government commit and put forward policies to support the growth of the UK renewables sector through the 2020's, consistent with the critical role of the power sector in addressing carbon budgets under the Climate Change Act. In that regard, we would urge you to set an appropriately sized budget for the Levy Control Framework in the post 2020 period as soon as possible.

