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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter, Ref: EC454/21 dated 13th October 2021 regarding the Small Scale Green Energy Bill.

I would refer to the reply prepared by Joe Reynolds, Director of Electricity and Energy Consumers Division.

It is the view of the senior management team at Action Renewables, that Joe's assessment is to be fully supported. In consideration of the impending Energy Strategy, to introduce this bill at this time would be counterproductive and premature. We would also draw the Committee's attention to the current mechanism, which is currently being reviewed via the Utility Regulators consultation; 'Microgeneration Settlement Consultation'. This consultation seeks to improve the existing process.

Finally, it is also our conclusion that legislating in advance of the Energy Strategy and the outcome of the Micro-generation Settlement Consultation, without consideration of renewable energy support in the round, could result in a sub optimal outcome.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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