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Dear Convener,

NEW BUILD HEAT STANDARD:PART CONSULTATION LAUNCH

I am writing to inform the Economy and Fair Work Committee of the Scottish Government's intention to launch the second formal, public consultation on our New Build Heat Standard on 28 July 2022.

The development of new regulations to prohibit the use of direct emissions heating systems in new buildings from 1 April 2024 follows on from an initial commitment made within the Scottish Government's 2019-20 Programme for Government, and is a key driver in efforts to eliminate the greenhouse gas emissions associated with our buildings. The New Build Heat Standard is a forerunner to further regulations which will aim to tackle our existing building stock.

The Part II Consultation follows on from an initial, high-level Scoping Consultation, launched in 2020-21. This second consultation aims to provide further details on how we will regulate heating systems in new buildings, and we are seeking stakeholder views on a number of key issues relating to these proposals.

Our officials are now undertaking this formal consultation to ensure that the final regulations have the endorsement of a wide-range of stakeholders. The consultation process will also involve a number of in-person (where possible) and online themed workshops, to be held throughout Autumn 2022.

I hope that you find this helpful, and I have also enclosed an embargoed copy of the Part II Consultation document for your consideration, in advance of the consultation process going live.

Yours sincerely,

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