

House of Commons  
London  
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**Re: Financial support for self-employed Energy Assessors**

Dear Chancellor,

Elmhurst Energy is the UK's largest accreditation scheme whose members deliver over one million Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) per year. I am sure that you will be aware that Energy Performance Certificates of the UK's building stock are not only a legal requirement in house sales (no EPC = no house sale), but they also a critical tool in helping the Government deliver its ambitious climate change targets.

The vast majority of our 7004 energy assessors are self-employed and I am writing to urge you to consider the impact that the current COVID-19 crisis will have on their livelihood. Most assessments require a visit to the building under assessment and, whilst we continually promote government advice, activity levels have already dropped and, as the crisis continue, are likely to fall further.

We consider that the measures you announced on Friday to protect employees was a great reassurance to many but we now urge you to offer a similar package to the self-employed in the form of short-term loans and then compensation for loss of earning. To not do so will decimate an industry that, through a decade of hard work, is effective at both taking people out of fuel poverty and reducing climate change

If it would assist we have detailed records of members and the work that they have been delivering in recent years and will do whatever we can to assist your colleagues in devising a solution to this most urgent problem.

Yours Sincerely,



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