

To: "BINGHAM, Andrew" <[andrew.bingham.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:andrew.bingham.mp@parliament.uk)>

Dear Andrew Bingham,

I have heard that business rates taxes on commercial rooftop solar installations are set to rise by a factor of between six and eight times their current cost as of April next year. This tax hike appears to be completely out of step with the UK government commitments under the Paris climate change agreement, which is scheduled to be ratified this year.

Although the change does not affect large-scale installations that feed substantial amounts of power into the grid, it will affect small businesses and community projects such as schools, which are generating energy mostly for their own use. This really does appear to be a slap in the face for groups and businesses that benefited us all by taking personal responsibility for reducing carbon emissions. In our own area there are community projects such as Buxton Methodist Church and New Mills School that may be affected by this tax rise.

On October 10th, Caroline Lucas MP introduced an Early Day Motion about this issue. I hope that you will add your name to the list of MPs giving cross-party support to this important motion.

Yours sincerely,