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CLIMATE EMERGENCY

I would like to thank everyone who has written on me about declaring a climate emergency.

In the time since I received a number of emails and letters calling on the issue, as many of you will be aware, the Labour Party led a motion in the House of Commons to declare a climate emergency.

This followed from the report of the Inter-Governmental panel on climate change that in order to avoid global temperatures increasing by more than 1.5°C, global emissions need to fall by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2050. Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time, and serious and urgent action is needed to tackle it.

Following Parliament's declaration of a climate emergency, the Prime Minister introduced into law a commitment to reach net zero emissions. While this is another welcome step, once again we must ensure that the Government enacts concrete policies to achieve that target.

I will continue to work with my fellow Labour MPs to press the Government to take action to meet these targets, such as investing in the green economy, expanding low-carbon transport infrastructure, and developing urgent policy proposals to restore the UK's natural environment.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me on this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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