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Dear Ms Truss,

I am writing to you as one of the candidates who is seeking to become the next Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to make a direct appeal to you to freeze energy costs at the current rate and in doing so avoid millions of hard-working people up and down the UK being plunged into fuel and food poverty as well as debt on a scale not known in modern times.

As you are aware, the UK's energy price cap is forecast to nearly double in October, rising from £1,971 to around £3,600, before climbing to more than £5,000 in January. You will be aware that research from the Blair Institute suggests that the UK's poorest 10% of households will see their real incomes fall by 17.3%. This will plunge those families and individuals into absolute poverty.

The people of the UK know that the government could step in and freeze energy costs if it had the will to do so. I am urging you to do so and I suggest that failure to take that action will see civil unrest across the country on a scale that will bring the country to its knees. This in turn will force a general election and you out of office but will also put millions through pain and hardship that is not necessary if you act and commit to freezing the cost of energy now.

Given that we know what the impact the rise in energy costs will be for millions of men, women, and children, I believe it would be not just a dereliction of duty to fail to implement a freeze now, but it would also be morally incomprehensible and will result in poverty on a scale not known in modern times, as well as civil unrest on a scale never experienced in the UK, so I urge you to act and do the right thing.

Yours sincerely,

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