

**Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP**

Prime Minister  
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CC: Rt Hon John Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer

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Dear Prime Minister,

**Now the driveway divide is zero to 20, it is time to end it**

Today millions of consumers will start to benefit from the VAT cut on domestic energy bills. This is a welcome measure that will help allay the cost pressures facing households this winter. But we urge you to take one vital step further.

It is time to end the unfair driveway divide that sees drivers with access to home electric vehicle charging benefitting from zero VAT and those without paying 20 per cent.

Switching to an electric vehicle is one of the best ways that most motorists can make a significant and permanent change in their everyday cost of living. However, due to today's change, the difference a driver with no home charging will pay in VAT on an annual basis compared to a driver with access to home charging has **increased to £200<sup>1</sup>**. 10 million households concentrated in dense urban areas, flats, terraced housing and rental properties, unfairly penalised by a growing pavement tax.

**The EV industry and driver groups are united in calling for an end to the driveway divide.**

Doing so would put money back in drivers' pockets and give millions more people the opportunity and confidence to make the switch.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> ChargeUK analysis comparing annual VAT for an 80/20 per cent home/rapid (£71.88) with 80/20 per cent public standard/rapid (£273.52) blend for a typical EV annual mileage of 10,054

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