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**[[Your MP’s name]]**

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**[[Date]]**

Dear **[[Your MP’s name]]**

As a constituent and a **[[your specialism]]** engineer, I am writing to bring to your attention the engineering profession’s priorities for upcoming policy and spending decisions in the UK, identified by the National Engineering Policy Centre in its new publication *Engineering priorities for our future economy and society.*

The UK faces a number of defining challenges to its prosperity, security and wellbeing. Engineering is central to delivering on them. Engineering is at the heart of the UK’s society, employing more than 5.8 million people and generating £420.5 billion GVA a year for the UK economy. Despite this, the UK lags behind other developed countries on research and development spending, and there is an annual shortfall of 59,000 engineering graduates and technicians to fill core engineering roles. At the forthcoming Spending Review, the government must provide better support for the profession or risk the UK weakening a vital part of its economy.

**[[If you like, you can add in personal experience here about why it is important for you as an engineer that the government acts to protect the profession.]]**

The National Engineering Policy Centre is a new partnership between 39 different UK engineering organisations, representing 450,000 engineers. Its aim is to draw together expertise from across the engineering profession, allowing it to speak with one voice and provide independent and authoritative advice on the key issues of the day.

In its new publication, the Centre has identified key policies the government must prioritise to ensure that the Spending Review delivers for the engineering community and, more importantly, the whole of society:

* To ensure the UK trains enough skilled engineers, the government must implement the recommendations of the Perkins Review into engineering skills.
* It must increase Innovate UK’s budget to boost support for business innovation and raise productivity.
* It should invest in fast and resilient digital infrastructure, a thriving business environment, excellent digital skills and a diverse pipeline of workers to create a world-leading digital economy.
* It must deliver on the recommendations of the National Infrastructure Assessment to meet the UK’s long-term infrastructure needs.
* Finally, the government must deliver on the UK’s ambitious climate change goals by investing in demonstration and deployment of new low carbon heat, charging of electric vehicles and carbon capture and storage technologies.

You can find the full publication online at [**raeng.org.uk/policy/partnerships/national-engineering-policy-centre**](https://www.raeng.org.uk/policy/partnerships/national-engineering-policy-centre)**.**

Please write to the Chancellor and ask questions in Parliament about what the government is doing to implement these important policy priorities for engineers.

I would also like to meet with you to discuss this important matter further. I would be grateful if you could let me know what forthcoming surgery slots you have available.

Yours sincerely,

**[[Your name]]**

**[[Your full postal address]]**

**Remember to include your full name and address in your letter. Your MP needs this so they can check you are a constituent.**