



The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
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Dear Secretary of State,

Since 2010, FairFuelUK has been instrumental in influencing over twelve years of fuel duty freezes. For example, they have successfully pushed for a 1p cut in 2011 and 5p cut in 2022. Their campaigning is widely respected by Members on both sides of the House, and their voice has scope and resonance across the media. Moreover, FairFuelUK is popular and is still growing, with support of an average of 2600 drivers per constituency.

FairFuelUK continue to campaign for a significant cut in fuel duty in order to reduce inflation and stop perennial opportunistic profiteering in the fuel supply chain with their PumpWatch proposal.

On December 6 2022, The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) announced that there is unacceptable profiteering in the fuel supply chain. A fact that millions of drivers have known for some time now.

Along with The Sun and FairFuelUK's backing for PumpWatch, we argue that we must create a watchdog, with legislative powers, to ensure motorists are not exploited any longer. There are countless examples of pump prices increasing in parallel with the cost of oil rising. Strikingly, the pattern is always the same: when the price of oil falls, pump prices never drop by a fair amount.

Between October 10 and December 8 2022: petrol prices fell just 3% but wholesale petrol dropped significantly more by 22% ; it is significantly worse for diesel with Derv retail prices hardly changed in the same period yet its wholesale cost plunged by 25%; Brent crude in Sterling fell by 30%.; and finally, the price differential between petrol and diesel jumped a massive 400% from 5p/litre to 24p/litre.

These figures vividly demonstrate why PumpWatch is needed desperately. FairFuelUK and the signatories of this letter argue that current retail prices should be at least 10p/litre lower.

Therefore, as the Sun's FairFuelUK ambassador, I want to meet with you, other Ministers at the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, and Howard Cox, founder of FairFuel UK, to discuss how we can support motorists. There is clear support amongst Members of this House and the public for these proposals.

If you would like to look into FairFuelUK in more please do consult their website:
<https://www.fairfueluk.com/Testimonials.html>.

Yours sincerely,

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The Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP
Sir William Cash MP
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