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I urge you to raise these issues with the Government to end the environmental destruction arising from our growing bioenergy market. The UK biofuel target should be re-evaluated based on what can realistically be achieved through sustainable UK production and genuinely non-destructive, sustainable imports. The Renewables Obligation must exclude the use of vegetable oils for heat and power, and there must be a moratorium on EU targets and obligations.

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I urge you to support a moratorium on the EU Biofuel Directive and its targets and obligations until sustainable sourcing of biofuels can be guaranteed. Import of biofuels and their feedstocks must be banned where crop production is linked to deforestation, peat drainage, biodiversity loss, pollution or human rights abuses. Similar safeguards should apply to the use of biomass for heat and power.

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