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Dear Rita Frost,

Thank you for your email about the use of biomass in Denmark. I will answer you on behalf of the Minister of Climate, Energy and Utilities Dan Jørgensen.

The recent debate regarding the sustainability of biomass clearly shows that there are many opinions about this. Therefore, it is also important to have a substantive and nuanced debate on the use of biomass. It is too rudimentary to claim that all biomass is sustainable just as it is too rudimentary to claim that all biomass is "worse than coal".

Still it is certain that biomass has contributed to ensure that the conversion away from the use of fossil fuels such as coal has been possible.

However there is no doubt that sustainability is essential and the Minister of Climate, Energy and Utilities is keenly aware that the use of biomass in some cases can be problematic. Therefore a thorough investigation of the sustainability of biomass has been initiated. The investigation will also examine the role that biomass should have in Denmark in the future.

On behalf of the Minister I would like to thank you for addressing important issues in the green transition and for your engagement in creating a more sustainable world.

Best regards,

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