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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your email dated 2 November, addressed to the Secretary of State, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, regarding smart meters and the Energy Act, which passed into law on 26 October 2023. I am responding as this matter falls under my Ministerial portfolio.

The Government's landmark Energy Act 2023 will provide a cleaner, more affordable, and more secure energy system, enabling the Prime Minister's new approach to reaching Net Zero.

As your constituent is aware, there were recently incorrect reports in the media on this topic. I would like to assure you that there are no measures in the Energy Act which permit forced entry into people's homes to install smart meters, or other smart energy appliances, to monitor or restrict people's energy use.

The smart metering rollout is still underpinned by consumer choice, and there remains no legal obligation on consumers to accept a smart meter.

Please be reassured that the Energy Act has followed correct procedure and been appropriately scrutinised, with every clause closely examined and voted on by both Houses. You can read more about its passage on the Parliament website at: <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3311/stages>.

Thank you for writing to highlight your constituent's concerns. I trust this information will be helpful.

**Lord Callanan**