Mr Tim Yeo, MP  
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Energy and Climate Change Select Committee  
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Dear Mr Chairman,

Thank you for the opportunity you created for the coal industry in the UK, and other associated bodies, to give evidence to your Select Committee on 9th July 2014.

Two questions were specifically raised by Members of the Committee on issues which we believe we should provide additional comment and data.

Sir Robert Smith asked the specific question on the difference in CO2 emissions between UK produced coal and imports expressed as a proportion of the total emissions from burning a tonne of coal in a typical power station such as Drax.

Each tonne of coal burned at Drax produces 2574kg of CO2, the transport emissions for coal from Kellingley, Hatfield and Russia are: Kellingley 0.3kg/tonne Hatfield 1.4kg/tonne Russia 150.3kg/tonne Expressed as a percentage of the 2574kg emitted in combustion then the CO2 added from transportation is an additional:

0.01% from Kellingley  
0.06% from Hatfield  
6.12% from Russia

So Russian imports emit 612 times more CO2 on their journey to Drax than Kellingley coals and over 100 times more than Hatfield coals. In the context of total emissions this may seem to be a small amount but all emissions that can be avoided will contribute to the global reductions required.