



Gas safety campaign welcomes commitment from Housing Minister

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CAMPAIGNERS aiming to change the law to make the process of gas safety inspections safer have welcomed an announcement from Housing Minister Brandon Lewis.

The Gas Safety Campaign has welcomed a statement Mr Lewis made to the House of Commons where he said he was discussing the issue of gas safety with the industry and would continue to do so.

Mark Henderson, Home Group chief executive, said: "We're delighted the Government is willing to engage with us on the vital issue of gas safety. We look forward to hearing from Brandon Lewis's office regarding a future meeting with the Minister.

"We're grateful to former shadow housing minister Alison Seabek for raising this issue with Mr Lewis and for adding her name to the growing list of MPs who support the Gas Access Campaign.

"The campaign was founded by Home Group, Corgi Technical Service and the Association of Gas Safety managers and has the support of more than a hundred housing providers covering more than 1.3m homes, local authorities, Members of Parliament, Peers and industry leaders including British Gas."

To sign the Gas Access petition visit: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/68910>

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