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Dear Hon Senator Wong,

I am 62 years old with a wife and 3 children in University. I am still working towards my retirement.

I used our savings to pay for all 5 of us to join the Green Loans programme because we are passionate about reducing green house gases and because my children can pay their way through university and my wife and I can better sustain ourselves on retirement. We have spent about \$10,000 to be accredited in the Green Loans programme and this amount is by our standard very substantial. To make matters worst, my wife thought she should do the right thing and gave ample termination notice to her employer. We are now without 1 income and still supporting 3 children.

We realise only after speaking to ABSA that DEWHA has a clause that does not guaranty employment. The training company did not mention this to us; on the contrary they gave the idea that there is plenty of work. We are not alone in thinking that we will be providing a useful service to curb green house and be able to earn an income providing this service.

My view is that the problem originate because there is not enough control by DEWHA and that DEWHA should not blame the public for not doing due diligence. Five Thousand superfluous assessors were led into thinking by various organizations that there is work. Perhaps a simple quota to trainers from the start would have sufficient control.

DEWHA has release 600,000 more homes to try to resolve the problems of redundant assessors. This is a windfall for earlier assessors who already made money out of the scheme and from what we've heard from our courses, some are making extraordinary amount. May I suggest that the 600,000 new homes or part thereof be given to redundant assessors to at least recover their losses before termination? I don't think assessors already in the scheme would argue; after all there is no guaranty of work and these 600,000 new homes would not normally be there if not for redundant assessors.

Simply put, my family and I are not seeking compensation we only want to provide the intended services to enough homes to recover our losses before being terminated.

With Kind Regards,

James Chua