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To whom it may concern

As a survivor of carbon monoxide poisoning who was latterly advised by CO-Gas Safety, I share that organisation's view that the gas emergency service should test gas appliances for CO and, if found, should inform consumers of the reading in parts per million of CO, either in writing or digitally.

This would provide survivors with the proof required to convince medical professionals they've been poisoned. You will note from my own case study, attached, that I was treated very poorly by a senior medic when I presented at A&E, such that I made an official complaint.

I understand that CO-Gas Safety has requested that Ofgem require the gas distribution networks to test appliances and inform consumers about their safety on many occasions over the years – in particular, from 1995 to 2000, and again in 2000, when the HSC/E recommended that this practice be adopted.

I am told that Ofgem currently has two sources of funding that it is making available to: £30m for vulnerable consumers and a further innovation fund of millions. Now is the time to implement the HSC/E's recommendation before more lives are blighted by carbon monoxide poisoning.

I commend CO-Gas Safety for its tireless work in raising awareness among consumers and across the industry, and in pressing Ofgem to take this long-overdue and now urgent action.

Your sincerely

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