



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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To Whom It May Concern

Re Disability Living Allowance Reform

I write regarding the current consultation which is taking place regarding reform of Disability Living Allowance.

I have been contacted by a number of constituents who are very concerned about this consultation. Disability Living Allowance provides a lifeline to disabled people allowing them to meet the extra costs associated with their disability and it is vital that any reformed benefit continues to provide this lifeline. I believe it that any reform should ensure that payments to disabled people continue, at the very least, to be paid at current rates and that no tightening of eligibility criteria takes place.

One particular area I would like to raise is support for disabled people in residential care. It has recently been announced that residents of care homes would lose their entitlement to the Disability Living Allowance Mobility Component from October 2012. I would like to the Government to look again at this issue as I believe that this decision fails to take into account the ongoing mobility needs of people who live in residential care.

I hope that you are able to take these points into accounts when considering any reforms to Disability Living Allowance.

Yours sincerely

Member of Parliament