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Parliamentary Secretary of State and Minister for Disabled People
House of Commons
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Dear Minister,

DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE REFORM

I am in receipt of DLA, awarded 'indefinitely' and will be 80 years old shortly and having suffered two strokes.

I have read the Government's public consultation paper and I have to say it raises serious implications for me and other colleagues. As far as I can see, the document leaves a lot of unanswered questions as to re-assessment, continuing year on year costs and lack of detail of parameters. No costs are stated and no future projections regarding the employment of independent specialists in health, social care and disability, which we as taxpayers are entitled to know, in an age when the Government is 'said' to be strapped for cash. I foresee administrative nightmare with re-assessments and periodic reviews.

You say 'consideration is being given to re-assessments of people over 65. When will this be decided and will we be informed? The proposal that Personal Independent Payment will not give automatic entitlements removes the INDEFINITE award that I already been awarded. Do you not realise the anxiety and stress this is causing to the elderly? This document raises so many uncertainties as to our future quality of life. The loss or any curtailment of our allowances has huge repercussions for all disabled persons and will seriously affect our lives and our human rights.

The Conservatives made a pre-election pledge to protect Disability Living Allowance but it now appears that over 360,000 people are likely to lose DLA - so keep your promise to some of the most vulnerable in society.

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

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