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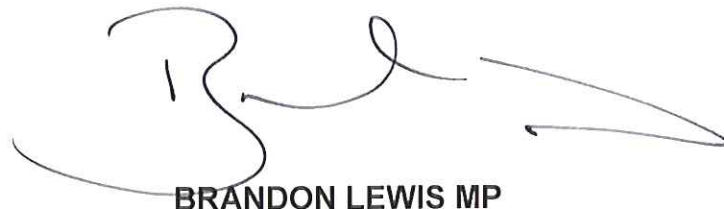
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Dear Matt

Thank you for your letter of 8 July which crossed with mine to you of 9 July.

As you will see from my most recent letter I have decided to reinstate the offer I made in June last year regarding more generous actuarial reductions to the pensions of firefighters who retire between the ages of 55 and 57. This now clarifies our position with regard to actuarial reductions and addresses many firefighters' concerns.

In the light of this, I urge you to reconvene your Executive Council urgently and call off the further unnecessary strikes you have planned for next week. If this happens we can reconvene to discuss the remaining issues, not least of which is taking forward work on fitness and capability.



BRANDON LEWIS MP