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Dear [MP NAME],

My name is [Insert Name], and I am contacting you today as a concerned UK citizen residing in [Your Constituency]. I want to express my deep concern over the recent news Rishi Sunak announced on the 16th of December 2023 about the role of the Minister of Disabled People being demoted and merged.

It was concerning that for a week, disabled people were left without a minister, and ITV shared that the minister of disabled people had been axed. Only three hours later, the UK government shared that Mims Davies was appointed in the downgraded role of undersecretary.

As you may well know, this role is crucial in ensuring that the rights of disabled people are upheld and heard in the decisions being made in the UK Government. However, the recent reshuffling of this vital role to an undersecretary position is a significant cause for concern, especially at a time when disabled people are already struggling with the cost of living crisis and record disability hate crime levels.

This move will significantly impact 16 million disabled people residing in the UK. However, this is not the first time our Government has failed disabled people; this year alone, we have seen Disabled People have been demonised by the UK Government by their harsh policies. Tom Pursglove (Previous Minister for Disabled People) was featured in propaganda videos of dawn raids and stated "We will track you down. We will find you. And we will bring you to justice". Furthering the propaganda that disability benefits play a significant role in benefit fraud. I have heard firsthand from within the community how many genuine claimants struggle to access PIP and UC. The DWP has spent £700 million on Disability Benefit appeals, trying to prevent disabled people from accessing benefits, over the last decade, with less than 4% of the budget estimated to be spent on fraud and error, I have heard of disabled people who would benefit from the support of PIP who give up their appeal as it is simply too stressful to continue.

In Autumn, they shared the proposed changes to benefits with the public. These changes include snooping on benefits claimants' bank accounts, proposed changes to the not fit-for-work categories of benefits like universal credit and employment support allowance, and their grand “back to work” plan.

As my MP, I urge you to raise this issue in parliament and encourage Rishi Sunak and his party to reinstate the Minister of Disabled People to his original post and reconsider the changes to benefits.

If you require any more information about the impact of the role being reduced to the undersecretary, you can contact accessibleinsights@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to hear back from you.

Yours Sincerely

[Your Name]

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