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Dear [Your MP's name],

My name is [Your name] and I live in [Your constituency]. I am writing to you to urge you to **vote against the Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill on 1 July**.

Labour's concessions are **not sufficient** to address the key concerns of the catastrophic impacts this bill will have on more than a million disabled people in the UK.

This Bill is being pushed forward at an **alarming speed**, and has failed to uphold a reasonable and thorough consultation process, despite Government's legal obligation to do so. The consultation does not end until the 29th June; this denies MPs the ability to review the information and **properly represent** their views and their constituencies.

Alongside the concerningly forceful speed at which this Bill is being pushed through, it is proposed this Bill be certified as a **Money Bill**, should it pass, despite the fact that it does not relate to taxation or other charges, servicing of debt, loans, or managing accounts of public money. As a Money Bill, neither MPs or the House of Lords will be able to properly scrutinise the Bill, **and uphold the rule of law**.

This Bill will have **a wide impact** on the overall economy, family and child poverty, social care and health services. The Bill **redefines** how the Department of Work and Pensions categorises persons with disabilities, intersecting with public health, and potentially for the bill to interfere with the Equalities Act. Legislation of this magnitude must have **proper scrutiny** of MPs and Lords.

Development of the Bill itself **has not been informed** by an impact assessment from the Department for Work and Pensions, and has ignored a wealth of the Government's own data. The process for the Bill has **lacked transparency,** with much of the information on the effects on disabled people being forced out via FOIs.

Many of Government's proposed concessions leave nearly all claimants in the same position they were in under the 4 point rule, because there is only one area across the whole of the Daily Living component capable of scoring 3 points. All other areas jump from 2 to 4 points.

That means disabled people who need supervision to go to the bathroom, can't wash their hair or below the waist, dress themselves below the waist, or chop vegetables, would **still be excluded** from the vital support PIP provides.

Concessions like the Government's promise that current PIP recipients will not be impacted **ignores the needs** of disabled children who will grow into disabled adults, and those who will become disabled in the future. We must also remember that the same thing was promised when ESA was introduced, changing from incapacity benefit, **but when it was rolled out it impacted everyone**. It is likely that either the current Government or a future Government will go back on this concession, for the purpose of "simplifying" things. Whatever Bill we implement now **must be fit for purpose** today, tomorrow and in the future. Government must not seek to rush forward a dangerous piece of legislation by plastering over the problems.

While Government's concessions claim they will bring-forward investments, **this ignores the impact of the cuts that are still happening**, such as those happening with Access to Work, evidenced by a leak from the Department of Work and Pensions. It also does not factor in **additional costs** that will come from increased NHS demand, reduced spending from disabled households and costs from appeals against the cuts, and offers **no proposals** for what disabled people should do to survive during the gap between the passing of this Bill and these unspecified future investments.

All concessions provided **utterly ignore** the fact that this Bill also seeks to decimate Universal Credit's Health Component, and LCWRA (Limited Capability for Work Related Activity). Recipients of LCWRA are those the DWP has found to be too severely disabled to be in employment or prepare for future employment, but the Bill seeks to cut their benefit from £97 to £50, **despite the fact that they are a demographic who cannot work**.

The Bill also seeks to halve Universal Credit's Health Component for all recipients, this comes after the previous Government moved disabled people to Universal Credit from Disabled Living Allowance (DLA), for the purpose of allowing disabled people capable of some work the flexibility to work. In practice, this hasn't worked, and has simply resulted in **a loss of £2800 a year in income** for the UK's disabled population.

Disabled people are not 'economically inactive', in fact PIP enables disabled people to work, pursue education, and to put money into their communities. If provided with the necessary support when required, disabled people are

entrepreneurs, scientists, innovators, musicians and shop owners, they're pub-going, high-street shopping consumers and they're taxpayers providing critical input into our economy, our society and the success of our country.

But despite the catastrophic impact the Bill will have on Britain's disabled population, forcing 700,000 people into deeper poverty, new research from the UK's only disability think tank, The Disability Policy Centre, reveals t**he cuts are likely to only deliver savings of £100m by 2030, a mere 2% of the £5bn claimed by the Government**. The sponsor of the Reasoned Amendment is the Chair of the Treasury Select Committee, indicating they themselves have no confidence in savings.

This Bill will have a lasting impact on Labour's legacy, funding and electability in the next election cycle. In a Crips Against Cuts Instagram poll, 142 out of 143 respondents said they would "**be more hesitant to vote for any party that does not have a clear-cut track record of supporting disability rights in the future**." While unions who have contributed hundreds of thousands of pounds to Labour, such as Unite, Unison and GMB have all spoken out against the cuts, and joined in protests.

The Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill needs to be scrapped in its entirety, and a new paper designed to support disabled people to live healthier, fuller lives, with the input and consultation of disabled people and DPOs should replace it. I believe that the Bill is cruel and inhumane, unfairly targeting the most vulnerable people in our society. I urge you to please support your disabled constituents by voting against the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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