

23rd September 2022

Dear Mr/Ms Jo Bloggs

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said today that he would be introducing a tax system which would be fairer for families.

This he has not done.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced today that he intended to abolish the 45p rate and advance to the reduction to 19p in the basic rate of tax next year. In effect, he is focussing the tax reductions on individuals with higher incomes, while very largely ignoring those who pay income tax even though they are in poverty.

Because the tax system is based on individuals, someone's liability to tax does not reflect their families or their circumstances. One result is that people may pay income tax even though they are in poverty. Today the Chancellor has chosen a measure which will primarily help the better off while not focussing support on those taxpayers who are least well off.

The Chancellor is not allowing people to share their personal allowances as proposed by the Prime Minister during her leadership campaign. This would have been a far more cost-effective way of helping families than cutting the basic rate of income tax or reducing the national insurance rate. The mini Budget does not make the tax system fairer for families.

The Prime Minister also pledged to "review the taxation of families to ensure people aren't penalised for taking time out to care for their children or elderly relatives". Could I make an appointment with you to talk about what measures your party are taking to ensure this (or if not Conservative – does your party have any similar proposals on this matter)? Valuing care is important and the work that goes into raising children has been neglected for too long.

Please see the MAHMifesto (Mothers at Home Matter) attached which explains in a little more detail how the tax system is unjust to families. (bit.ly/3KQ1IQ9)

Yours sincerely,