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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: BECOMING AN AGE CHAMPION.**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of support for older people.

I fully appreciate the contribution pensioners have made, and continue to make, to British society and agree that we must ensure that they have security and dignity in their retirement.

The triple lock means the basic state pension rises by inflation, earnings, or 2.5 percent, whichever is highest. As a result of the triple lock, the value of the full basic state pension as a proportion of average earnings is at its highest since the 1980s. Additionally, there are a number of pensioner benefits, including Winter Fuel Payments, free bus passes, free prescriptions and TV licences. Cold Weather Payments have also been increased and the Warm Home Discount introduced to provide vulnerable pensioners with an £140 rebate on their energy bills.

Thank you for bringing Age UK's 'Age Champion' initiative to my attention. I believe that all the areas Age UK outline are hugely important, and I hope I have outlined the considerable steps the Government is taking to support older people in our constituency.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and if I can be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

*Tom*

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**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**  
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*Locally, I also work with a number of organisations that support older people, and support the initiatives work that they do.*