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New Constituent

RE: FINANCE BILL AMENDMENT ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns about the *Finance Bill*.

This Government is committed to ensuring that everyone is paying their share of tax. The reality is that the banks are paying more in taxes now than they were under the last Labour Government. In 2016-17, the banking sector paid £27.3 billion in tax from corporation tax, the bank levy, the bank surcharge, income tax and National Insurance contributions. This is up by £2.9 billion over the last year and up by 58 percent from the £17.3 billion that the banks paid in 2009-10. The average amount paid by the banks every year since 2010 is 13 percent higher than under Labour.

The Government has introduced a tax on banks so they contribute more. In 2011, it introduced a tax on banks' balance sheets – the bank levy – which has raised over £14 billion so far and is forecast to raise a further £11 billion over the next five years between 2017 and 2022. In January 2016, the Government also introduced an 8 percent corporation tax surcharge for banks that is forecast to raise £8.9 billion over the next five years. As you can see, very real progress has been made in this area, under this Government.

It is also worth noting that, last week, the Government also announced that up to £330 million from dormant bank and building society accounts will be used to help the homeless, disadvantaged young people, local charities and other good causes in the UK over the next four years.

Around £280 million will be allocated to initiatives across England to help disadvantaged young people into work, provide housing for families and vulnerable people, and tackle problem debt – something I am sure you will also welcome.

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

with best wishes,

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