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Dear Constance,

RE: SOCIAL CARE REFORM

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the pressing issue of social care reform. I have read your comments on this issue with interest, but I am afraid that I did not have the opportunity to visit the Alzheimer's Society's stand at Conservative Party Conference.

I know so many of us have faced tough challenges and difficult decisions when it comes to the care of our friends and loved ones. I recognise that the social care system could be working better both for those who use it and for those caring for others.

That is why I am proud to support a Government that is committed to taking the difficult decisions and tackling these problems head on, creating a sustainable adult social care system that is fit for the future.

An extra £36 billion will be invested in the health and care system over the next three years, including £5.4 billion in adult social care, to ensure it has the resources it needs to recover from the pandemic. In order to fund such a significant increase in permanent spending, the Government has had to make the tough but responsible choice to increase taxes. A new 1.25 percent dedicated Health and Social Care Levy, based on National Insurance Contributions, is therefore being introduced.

I warmly welcome the Government's proposed changes to the care charging model. From October 2023, nobody starting care will have to pay more than £86,000 for their personal care over their lifetime - a seismic change in the way care is paid for. As a result, people will rightly no longer have to suffer the fear caused by unpredictable or unlimited care costs.

This is an important start to reforming social care in this country and I look forward to seeing how the Government's plans progress. As your local MP, I can assure you that I will be actively engaged in all discussions about these reforms and continue to represent the views of my constituents.

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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