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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Conithent,

RE: FUEL DUTY AND PRICES

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns about fuel prices. I have read your comments with interest.

First, thank you for your kind invitations to attend the Fair Fuel APPG's pre-Budget reception, and the petition hand-in, held on the 8th March 2023. Unfortunately, owing to prior, long-standing, diary commitments, I was unable to attend these events, although I will continue to follow the issues raised closely and would like to set out what the Government is doing in this area.

I understand drivers' concerns regarding fuel prices and the cost of living more generally. Therefore, I welcome the Chancellor's decision to maintain fuel duty at current levels for the next twelve months, spending £5 billion on a tax cut worth £100 per driver this year. This will be achieved by keeping the 5p cut in fuel duty that was introduced last year, as well as cancelling the scheduled 11p increase in fuel duty.

This continues the policy of successive Conservative Chancellors dating back to 2011, of freezing fuel duty, and taken together with last year's 5p cut, a typical driver will save £200 since the 5p cut was introduced.

To further support drivers, I welcome the Government's boost for the budget for pothole repairs. The Chancellor has increased funding for pothole repairs by £200 million this year, on top of the £2.5 billion pothole repair fund, which runs from 2020/21 to 2024/25. The increase is expected to fix the equivalent of up to four million additional potholes across the country and I am delighted that North Northamptonshire has been awarded a significant share of this funding. I will now press for our fair share of that allocation to be spent on repairs here in Corby & East Northamptonshire.

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,
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Pursglove'.

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