Dear (Candidate's name),

I am a deaf/disabled person/person with a long-term health condition. I am deeply concerned by proposals to make it harder to gain entitlement to Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

Though I live in Scotland and, would therefore claim Adult Disability Payment instead, I fear that reducing the number of disabled people who qualify for PIP in England & Wales will have knock-on consequences in Scotland.

That’s because the Scottish budget for disability benefits is based on a proportion of what is spent in England and Wales. Thus, if spending on disability benefits drops in England and Wales less grant money will come to Scotland.

I am also really concerned that these proposals for PIP come alongside proposals for PIP to become the passport benefit for the health-related part of Universal Credit. Obviously if fewer people qualify for PIP then fewer will also qualify for Universal Credit on health grounds. That could make people like myself forced, on threat of being sanctioned, to take steps to prepare for work when we do not feel able to do it because of our health/impairment.

I am particularly concerned that people judged to be at Substantial Risk of being harmed may also be forced to take steps to look for work as their health and even lives may be put at risk.

I would like you to commit to voting against these proposals if you are elected to Parliament and look forward to hearing back from you about what you intend to do.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signature and Date)