Dear **[insert your MP’s name here]**,

As my MP, I am contacting you to ask you to speak out against the Government’s proposed benefit cuts.

I am a parent of a child with cystic fibrosis / family member/partner/friend of someone with cystic fibrosis **[please delete as appropriate]**.

They are one of over 11,000 people in the UK living with cystic fibrosis (CF), a lifelong genetic condition without a cure, and they receive Personal Independence Payment (PIP) / are planning on applying for PIP when they are old enough **[please delete as appropriate]**.

CF impacts them every day. **[Please fill in how CF affects them day to day.]**

They use PIP to cover essential expenses such as [**Please fill in what essentials they purchase using PIP, such as food, energy, transport, or medical equipment]**.Without PIP, I believe their physical and mental health would deteriorate.

Freedom of Information data reveals that 55% of working-age PIP claimants who had a respiratory disease, such as cystic fibrosis, were awarded less than 4 points in all daily living activities. Therefore, under the Government’s proposals they would be at risk of losing the Daily Living Component of their PIP at their next review after November 2026.

A [2023 report](https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-01/CFT%20final%20report.pdf) from the University of Bristol found that the median household with cystic fibrosis already loses almost £6,800 a year as a result of necessary extra spending to stay well and having to make different employment decisions.

PIP is a non-work-related benefit. These reforms will not encourage people with cystic fibrosis who are well enough to work to stay in or get into work. They will in fact make it harder. **[If the person you’re writing about is already in work, please mention this.]**

**People with cystic fibrosis cannot afford to lose the lifeline of PIP.**

I am also very concerned that the Government is proposing removing eligibility for the health element of Universal Credit (UC) from people under 22 **[please mention if the person you’re writing about is under 22]** and from next April, reducing the health element rate for new claimants to almost half as much as current claimants.

I urge you to please speak out on the impact of these proposed cuts on people with CF. Will you write to the Work and Pensions Secretary and urge her to think again?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

**Your name**
**Your postcode (so the MP knows that you are one of their constituents)**