



Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP
House of Commons
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Dear Ms Rudd

I note that we have not received a response from you following our letter, dated 14 January 2019. Of course, we appreciate that this has been a busy period.

By way of follow-up, NAWRA welcomes your comments this week about improving support for disabled people. This is something that we as an organisation have campaigned for and will continue to campaign for.

We noted your comments, reported in the Guardian – *"I'm concerned about the future, and about making sure disabled people have the independence they want, the access to the opportunities they want."*

In the light of these comments, we would call on you to review the cuts for disabled people within universal credit that are stripping them of their independence and opportunities. In particular, the fact there is no equivalent to any of the disability premiums that currently exist within ESA, JSA, income support and housing benefit, no equivalent to the disabled worker and severe disability element in working tax credit, and the reduction of support for disabled children compared to that in child tax credit.

Ultimately, it is action rather than words that will change peoples' lives.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Alan Markey
Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Alan Markey", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.