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Dear Mr Caulfield,

Thank you for writing to me again. This is an important issue and I am more than happy to provide you with something for the website.

The Independent Living Fund is something which I fully support. As you will know, in 2006 the Labour Government strengthened it and re-established a clear and simple revenue source (the Independent Living (2006) Fund) to help disabled people live independently. This cleared up the mess it was in following Tory changes to it in the 1990s, and it combined two groups of claimants, the former Extension Fund users and the former 1993 Fund users.

I think it is shocking that the fund is now to be scrapped, and the failure to consult shows clear arrogance on the part of the Coalition. It is completely hypocritical that the Tories claim to be targeting those most in need, when in fact they are cutting allowances for residential care.

There are a number of cuts which are targeted at disabled people, and another issue I have been in regular contact with constituents about is the mobility aspect of the Disability Living Allowance. I think it is important that Labour MPs help fight against cuts which would affect disabled people, and I am keen to work with groups like HAFAC.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andy Slaughter', written over a horizontal line.

Andy Slaughter