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The Rt Hon Mel Stride MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer

By Email

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Dear Mel & Jeremy,

I hope this correspondence finds you both well.

I write on a serious matter which impacts on my constituents directly, namely the "Triple Lock" on state pensions which was part of the 2019 manifesto upon which we all stood.

Over the past 2 years, the country has, as we are all acutely aware, suffered in a great many ways. As we come out of the pandemic and get into a period of recovery, anything that impacts on the ability of households to "get back to normal" puts this at risk as we move from a medical emergency to an emergency of household budgeting.

My constituency of Delyn has around 20% more over-65's than the average UK constituency, and my constituency is not one of significant wealth or prosperity. The state pension to the pension claimants in Delyn is a lifeline rather than a luxury and I believe that increasing state pension provision in line with inflation is an absolute necessity if the Government is to confirm that it is truly compassionate and on the side of the most vulnerable in society.

I therefore write to implore you, on behalf of the pensioners of Delyn, to maintain the commitment and to confirm in the Autumn Statement on Thursday that state pension provision will be increased in line with inflation.

I would find it difficult to support any reduction in the living standards of the pensioners of Delyn in these circumstances.

Yours Ever,

Rob Roberts MP