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Dear MP

I am writing as a constituent to ask you to support an important campaign for a National Care Support and Independent Living Service.

There is widespread agreement that the current provision of support for older and disabled people is hopelessly inadequate. It is vital that all political parties seize this opportunity to develop much needed, radical reform and implement the UN's convention that protects the rights of disabled people (the UNCRPD). More money is needed but more money to provide the same institutional 'care' or dash in-dash out visits by an ever-changing succession of undervalued, poorly paid and often poorly trained support workers is no solution at all.

NaCSILS is a relatively new non-party political alliance bringing together key organisations representing disabled and older people, with health campaigns, care and support workers and trade union groups. ¹

NaCSILS wants a system which is fully funded through investment and progressive taxation, free at the point of use like the NHS, democratically accountable and publicly provided, which enables and supports people to make their own choices about the lives they lead within their own communities; a system that values staff but rejects the often well-meaning but divisive narrative of "doing to" and "being done to, of "heroes" and "the vulnerable" and seeks to build a powerful partnership of equals.

NaCSILS is calling for a National Care, Support and Independent Living Service, which is

- ❖ Publicly funded, free at the point of use and fully available ²
- ❖ Publicly provided, not for profit
- ❖ Nationally mandated but designed and delivered locally
- ❖ Co-produced with service users and democratically accountable
- ❖ Underpinned by staff whose pay and conditions reflects true value and skills
- ❖ Designed to meet the needs of informal carers
- ❖ Informed by a task force on independent living led by service users from diverse communities

You can see the seven demands in more detail in the document attached. I do hope that you will do as much as you can to pursue these demands in Parliament and I'd be happy to be part of a NaCSILS delegation if you wanted an opportunity to discuss these issues in more detail.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give to promote this campaign and please copy in your reply to me to: Nacsilservice@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

Name and address

¹ Reclaim Our Futures Alliance of Disabled People's Organisations, The National Pensioners Convention, Act 4 Inclusion, Keep Our NHS Public, the Socialist Health Assn. Women's Budget Group, Greater Manchester Assn. of TUCs, Health Campaigns Together, Doctors in Unite et al.

² For more info on funding you might like to see The Women's Budget Group's brief submission to the Government at <https://wbg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WBG-Response-to-Government-Plans-on-Funding-for-Social-Care-GS-mas.pdf> and Simon Duffy and Gordon Peters paper <https://www.centreforwelfarereform.org/library/fully-funded-social-care.html>