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Rt Hon Therese Coffey MP  
Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

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Dear Therese,

I am writing to you on the back of a report from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation showing that people in Glasgow will suffer the most in Scotland from the looming cut to Universal Credit.

The £20 uplift to Universal Credit has provided a vital lifeline to those struggling through the pandemic, though many families were already finding things difficult before Covid, and it is evident that removing this uplift will have a devastating impact.

The report shows 45% of families are set to become out of pocket in my own Glasgow South constituency as result of this cut.

Despite countless pleas, the UK Government continue to unjustly exclude thousands of people who are in receipt of legacy benefits from this additional support, many of whom are disabled or have health conditions, and have faced higher costs throughout the pandemic.

Removing this vital lifeline when it is needed the most is unacceptable, and it will put thousands at risk of poverty and financial hardship.

It will come as no surprise that I heavily oppose the decision to cut the £20 uplift and demand that the decision is reversed immediately.

Cutting Universal Credit will have deep and devastating consequences for a huge number of families and children across Scotland.

It is a scandal that the UK Government's strategy for economic recovery is to plunge families who are already struggling into deeper poverty and debt

The UK Government must do what is right to protect those hit hardest by the pandemic and economic circumstances - the planned cut must be immediately halted.

Yours sincerely,