



Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer
UK Government

Sent by Email

24 May 2023

Dear Jeremy,

Re: Inflation Rate and Rising Food Costs

I am writing on behalf of my constituents and many families across the UK, wrestling with the cost of living crisis.

The recent dip in UK inflation may be cause for celebration in some circles, but it's not changing the day-to-day realities for people in my constituency. They're still watching their wallets shrink at the supermarket checkout, petrol stations, and whenever energy bills arrive. This isn't their definition of economic stability.

Food prices are rocketing at their fastest pace in 45 years. Your Government's failure to rein this in is painfully obvious every time they have to pay for something. I've even heard from families who've had to cut out fresh fruit and vegetables because they can't afford them anymore.

Then, we have the energy crisis – a nightmare for the people I represent. No one should be forced to choose between heat and food in this day and age, especially not people who live in an energy-rich country. It's high time for the Government to step up and tackle the issues within the energy market.

My constituents have been doing their best despite these pressures. They deserve a Government that does the same for them. It's time for action.

I urge you to heed SNP calls for an immediate £25 a week bump in Universal Credit and a Real Living Wage – not luxuries, but lifelines for those who need them most. My constituents are tired of empty promises. We need the UK Government to take concrete steps with supermarkets and energy providers to lighten the load on consumers.

Waiting isn't an option.

Yours,

Drew Hendry MP

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