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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter regarding changes to the Disability Living Allowance, which I read with interest. I am deeply concerned about some of the issues you have raised and will look into the ramifications of the review. I certainly agree with you that those suffering from conditions such as symptomatic HIV, cancer or mental illness should not have their benefits reduced or removed, providing the individuals can not be expected to work. I also think that this could be highlighted in an Early Day Motion, which I would be interested to pursue. Would it be possible to submit a draft text and brief to my researcher [Redacted]

I look forward to reading your brief.

Yours sincerely

**Diane Abbott MP**