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The Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP

Chancellor of the Exchequer
His Majesty's Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
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By email only

12th November 2024

Dear Chancellor,

Re: National Insurance contributions

We are writing to call on you to exempt GP surgeries, social care providers, hospices, NHS dentists, charitable providers of health and care, and pharmacies from the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions. This tax rise will severely impact health and care services for patients and we fear it will make the crisis in our NHS and social care sector even worse.

We do not dispute that the country has been left in an awful state by the previous Conservative government and that you face an enormous challenge. Hospitals are crumbling, people are struggling to see their GP or NHS dentist, and millions are waiting in pain for NHS treatment.

We welcome the extra funding allocated to the NHS at the budget. It was the right decision and a necessary step if the NHS is to recover from the damage done by the Conservatives.

But subjecting health services such as GPs and care homes to higher taxes is completely counterproductive. You are giving to the NHS with one hand but taking away with the other.

Unlike small employers that are shielded from the full force of this tax increase by the Employment Allowance, GP surgeries and many health and care service providers are not eligible. This rise means many will have no choice but to cut services and staff numbers.

That would be a disaster, not just for patients but for the NHS too. We desperately need more GPs and capacity in the care sector. These services are the backbone of our health services and care for millions of people every month. Without them NHS hospitals would be overwhelmed.

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We urge you to think again. If you won't cancel the rise for all employers, then you must at least exempt those providing vital health and care services, including GP surgeries, social care providers, hospices, NHS dentists, charitable providers of health and care, and pharmacies. Without it the health and care crisis will only worsen.

We look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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