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Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services
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CC:

Maria Miller MP - Minister for Disabled People
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Richard Bacon MP – South Norfolk
Henry Bellingham MP – North West Norfolk
Simon Wright MP – Norwich South
Chloe Smith MP – Norwich North
Norman Lamb MP – North Norfolk
Elizabeth Truss MP – South West Norfolk
Keith Simpson MP – Broadland
Brandon Lewis MP – Great Yarmouth

Dear Paul

I am writing to you to express my concern and that of the Norfolk Coalition of Disabled People* about the cuts and changes to social care proposed by Norfolk County Council. Their proposals seem directly to contradict commitments and statements from the Coalition Government and yourself.

The areas of particular concern are their proposals:

- To cut drastically front line services. As far as we can tell, this will not be achieved through efficiency savings
- To raise the eligibility criteria, which is the currently substantial and critical, to 'critical' only. We understand from a recent BBC programme that carried out a survey of all councils, that Norfolk is the only one to have proposed doing this.
- To cut nearly 50% out of the prevention budget over the next three years

I would welcome your view, as Norfolk County Council seems to be completely out of step with central government promises and policy.

Yours sincerely

Mark Harrison
Chief Executive
Norfolk Coalition of Disabled People

* The Norfolk Coalition of Disabled People is recognised as the collective voice of disabled people in the county. It has a membership made up of 500 individuals and 47 independent organisations of disabled people from all over Norfolk.

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