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Dear Chancellor,

We are writing to you ahead of the Spring Statement to call for urgent action to support working families.

These are difficult times for households across the country. Inflation, combined with soaring energy prices, have turned family budgets on their heads.

While many of the factors contributing to these pressures are out of your control – not least the terrible situation in Ukraine – there is at least one important area where you can make a difference, and that is tax policy.

As you know, we wrote to you ahead of the Autumn Budget last year to outline a number of changes to the tax system that would make it fairer for families – with the ultimate objective of moving to a system whereby all families paid the same amount of tax whatever the split of income between individuals within the family. Such a system is common overseas. We remain happy to meet you, or one of your Ministers, to discuss our proposals.

Following the Budget last year, the Resolution Foundation estimates that the tax burden is £3,000 higher per family than when Boris Johnson became Prime Minister. We urge you to use your Spring Statement to take action to support families and reduce the tax burden they face.

We appreciate that the Budget is the appropriate time to make any major changes to tax and spending policy, however there are steps which the Treasury can take now to help families.

We urge you to set up a commission to examine the tax burden on families. This should include people with appropriate expertise and representatives from civil society. Our organisations would fully support the work of such a commission.

You have previously spoken about your desire to see taxes go down, and the Conservative manifesto commits to making Britain the greatest place in the world to start a family. We urge you to turn these words into action by setting up this commission.

The need to support working families in this country is greater than ever.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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