

Rec'd 2/2/11

[REDACTED]
January 29th; 2011.


Dear Sir or Madam,
I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I have sent to the Prime Minister with regard to the Mobility component of Disability Living Allowance.

I understand that you are looking at the whole matter of DLA reform, and felt that I should send you a copy of this letter, as I await a response from the government.

Since writing to the Prime Minister, it has been brought to my notice that this proposed action, to remove mobility allowance from those in residential care, may in fact not be legal. Also I would like to point out that disabled people are not necessarily ill, like those in hospital, but are disabled....there is a big difference which so often is not recognised or acknowledged, and therefore they require the opportunity to get out and about and live life as fully as their disability allows them.

I await your response with interest.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


January 11th; 2011.

Dear Mr. Cameron,

As someone who has experienced disability first hand, with your late father and your first child, I am absolutely appalled that your attitude towards disabled people appears to be both Dickensian and socially exclusive.

Unlike student fees, with volatile responses from the masses, your governments decision to remove the mobility allowance from those disabled people living in residential accommodation, condemns many of these people to a life incarcerated within their rooms. Even prisoners get an exercise yard!

This move has been done quietly and with virtually no media coverage, presumably because these people are some of the poorest and most vulnerable in society, hence they appear to have been seen as a "soft target". For those of us who are living on state pensions, our mobility allowance is the only means by which we can run a car or use taxi's to get out of our homes. Public transport is still anything but public as far as many disabled people are concerned.

I fully understand that there have to be cuts given our current financial climate, but this cruel, unfair and discriminatory policy is, in my view, totally unacceptable in a democratic society, and even denies those affected by this policy, the right to demonstrate, as they would not have the means to do so. I beg you to reconsider this action, or to publicly justify how you can condemn disabled people to a life that is more like that of a convicted criminal.

Yours sincerely,
