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Dear Prime Minister,

Strong public services are vital to this nation's health and the economy.

But since 2010 our hospitals, schools, councils, care homes, prisons and other essential services have been forced to absorb savage spending cuts. And every month the bills they face are rising, leaving much less for actual services.

This has come at a huge cost to communities across Britain.

NHS waiting lists are at record highs, school buildings are literally crumbling before our eyes and local government is on its knees.

Meanwhile, nurses, teachers, fire fighters and millions of other key workers you clapped during the pandemic have seen their living standards decimated with over a decade of pay cuts and wage freezes.

Every month dedicated staff are quitting in their droves – tired of being taken for granted and of services being run down.

This cannot go on.

Prime Minister – you promised in your leadership election campaign that there would be no reduction in public spending.

But according to reports, another wave of crippling austerity could be on its way in November in order to fund tax cuts for the super rich.

This would be an act of national vandalism and a huge betrayal of the British people.

We therefore seek an urgent meeting with you and the Chancellor, and a cast-iron assurance that you will not make further real terms cuts to public services – now or in the future.

Frontline services are already at breaking point – they must not be sacrificed to make the top 1% even richer.

Unions will not sit by and allow the government to impoverish public services and the amazing staff who deliver them.

We won't allow the social fabric of this country to be destroyed.

Signed

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