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Dear Prime Minister

Appointment of Disability Minister

We are writing to you on behalf of Disabled people's organisations and the UK's 16 million Disabled citizens, to ask why on day 7 of your new Government, a Disability Minister hasn't yet been appointed.

Disabled people experience considerable inequality and injustice, many of us live in poverty due to inadequate benefits and incomes, have low educational attainment, face barriers to entering and staying in work. Lack social care and SEND support, struggle to access the NHS and experience barriers in respect of housing, transport, information and the built environment.

It is absolutely essential that the Labour Government tackles these inequalities and develops a transformational plan for change. To do this, we need a Disability Minister with the authority to take a cross-government approach, provide direction to Departments, engage with Disabled people and our organisations and track and monitor change.

We need a Disability Minister with the authority to act and inspire coordinated government action. We need a Disability Minister to work with Disabled people, to understand our experiences and to create a just society. We need a Disability Minister to develop an agenda for change that is supported across government.

We look forward to your early response.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kamran Mallick".

Kamran Mallick, CEO Disability Rights UK