Dear [INSERT THE NAME OF YOUR MP],

As one of your constituents, working as a radiographer for the NHS, I am writing to urge you to ensure the Chancellor of the Exchequer agrees to lift the Government imposed pay cap that has limited my pay increases since 2010 to 1% or below and is due to remain in place until 2020.

Cabinet members have suggested that the 1% cap was one of the reasons the current government lost its overall majority at the recent general election.

Since 2008 my pay rates have lost about 15% of their purchasing power as a result of repeated pay freezes and below inflation increases. Government report “Wage Growth in Pay Review Body Occupations” produced for the Office of Manpower Statistics and available here <https://www.niesr.ac.uk/publications/wage-growth-pay-review-body-occupations#.WWSguI1Iipo> shows that my profession, radiography, has fared worse even than my colleagues working in other Allied Health Professions and Midwifery. This is despite the recent productivity improvements my profession can offer the NHS with appropriately trained diagnostic radiographers reporting on their scans and therapeutic radiographers taking on prescribing responsibilities.

As the latest Independent Pay Review Body report noted, this approach to pay by Government is now unsustainable. With inflation, as measured by both CPI and RPI, significantly higher than the 1% cap the case to lift the cap is now compelling.

I am therefore asking you to raise this with the Chancellor and seek assurances that not only is the pay cap to be lifted, but that Government will centrally fund whatever increase the Independent NHS Pay Review Body make for implementation in 2018.

This will allow the Pay Review Body to make a truly independent recommendation that will address these concerns, expressed by politicians, NHS employers and the NHS workforce, and ensure my pay not only improves in line with prices but that some of my lost purchasing power begins to be restored.

Yours sincerely,

[INSERT YOUR NAME]