



The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP
Prime Minister
By Email

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Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing to welcome your recent announcement on changes to Winter Fuel Payment eligibility, and to urge you to act without delay to ensure that older people at risk of fuel poverty receive the support they need in time for this winter.

Last year, hundreds of thousands of pensioners on low incomes missed out on the Winter Fuel Payment following changes to eligibility. Many were left facing unmanageable costs, forced to cut back on heating and food. With energy bills still high and household budgets under pressure, older people need urgent clarity and reassurance. Many will now be anxious that the revised support may not reach them in time — or that they may once again be overlooked by the system.

To ensure this support reaches those who need it most, we are calling on the Government to:

1. **Publish a clear timeline** for the implementation of the changes, so that eligible pensioners can plan and have confidence that help is coming in time for winter;
2. **Set out clear information about the proposed eligibility thresholds**, so people can understand who will and will not qualify under the revised criteria;
3. **Provide assurance that no one currently in fuel poverty will be excluded**, and that the scheme will effectively reach older people in financial hardship.

We welcome the direction of travel, but a swift and transparent approach is essential. No older person should be left in the cold this winter.

Yours sincerely,

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