

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you ahead of the Queen's Speech about your Renters' Reform Bill and other tools for protecting private renters from the rising cost of living.

The increase in the cost of living is already hitting families hard across the country, but those in private rented homes are especially vulnerable. For the 11 million people living in the private rented sector, the rising cost of rent, bills and food is compounded by the insecurity they face in their homes. Without reform, private renters will continue to live with the fear that their landlord could serve an eviction notice for no fair reason at a time where they simply do not have the means to avoid homelessness.

As you know, both landlords and renters have been calling for reform of the private rented sector, and we were right as a party to have committed to it in our manifesto. But the time for reform has never been so urgent: scrapping Section 21 "no fault" evictions would give private renters the security they need in their homes to weather the storms ahead, ensuring that evictions cannot take place without a fair reason.

We know that in the end it is a new generation of social home building that will insulate the public from these moments of sudden cost increases, but before we unlock that supply, scrapping no fault evictions is an important measure to keep renters safe in their homes and to prevent a spike in homelessness as the increased cost of living starts to bite.

To reassure my constituents, I would be grateful if you could let me know where plans are for our commitment to a Renters' Reform Bill and I hope we can prioritise it within this Parliament.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,