Dear [MP],

I’m writing as one of your constituents to raise important issues of tax justice.

There are three important aspects that I would ask you to consider. First, the transparency of the taxes paid by multinational companies. Last September, the House of Commons [passed a law](http://www.taxjustice.net/2016/09/06/uk-moves-forward-country-country-reporting/) to allow the Treasury to publish multinationals’ country-by-country reporting. This information, required by HMRC under the new OECD standard (based on the original proposals of the Tax Justice Network), would allow the public to see exactly which companies are carrying out business here, but shifting all their profits offshore. Tax authorities in other countries, for example in sub-Saharan Africa, would also benefit from this transparency – as at present HMRC is not providing this information privately to more than a handful of lower-income countries. As we approach a year since this power was created, can I ask you to request that the Treasury make use of it without further delay?

Second, the basic fairness of UK taxes. How can it be that at a time of savage cuts to public services and benefit, HM Government has implemented successive cuts to the corporate tax rate? The government’s own analysis, and that of the independent Office for Budget Responsibility, show that this has cost many billions of pounds, while the expected benefits are precisely zero. So it seems the government did this, despite knowing that the UK would be a clear loser in this race to the bottom.  Will you ask them to reverse this needless damage?

Third, the impact of the UK’s tolerance for financial secrecy in its Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories. If the UK and its network were combined, they would come at the top of the Tax Justice Network’s [Financial Secrecy Index](http://www.financialsecrecyindex.com/) – the global ranking of ‘tax havens’. A major part of this reflects the failure in the last parliament to require all the Overseas Territories to create public registers of the ultimate beneficial owners of companies, trusts and foundations – a critical step in ending the anonymity ownership that facilitates corruption and tax abuse all around the world, as the Panama Papers laid bare. As the new documentary [The Spider’s Web](http://spiderswebfilm.com/)shows, the UK actively encouraged its dependent territories down this road, to reduce the aid bill. Would you agree we must take responsibility now, by ensuring that these jurisdictions cease the behaviour that promotes corruption worldwide, and supporting them instead to develop alternative business models that do no such damage?

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]