

Chancellor of the Exchequer  
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Dear Chancellor of the Exchequer

**Re: The introduction of a wealth tax for the UK's richest individuals**

I am writing to draw your attention to the high, and deeply embedded, 'wealth gap' within the UK, and to urge the government to introduce an initial one-off wealth tax on the country's richest 1%, as proposed by Church Action for Tax Justice.

I also support calls for a review of the UK's system of personal taxes, to take account of how different taxes relate to each other and to see how avoidance of any wealth tax can be prevented, so that an ongoing, progressive net wealth tax can be introduced in the near future. Wealth inequality in this country is high and the COVID pandemic has served only to increase this inequality.

In particular, the low paid and financially insecure are especially vulnerable (including those key workers who have kept this country going throughout the pandemic). Many find themselves caught in a perfect storm of reduced benefits, rising National Insurance Contributions, a cost-of-living crisis and, often, uncertain job security. For some, it's nothing short of a desperate time.

I believe that my elected leaders should be taking urgent action to protect the wellbeing of all – especially the most vulnerable. In a compassionate and caring society, it is important that those who can do so make a fair contribution to the common good; not least to help those who have lost out from the very circumstances that have boosted their own resources.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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