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Dear friends,

I would like to send my apologies for being unable to join you this evening due to the change in timeslot which now clashes with another engagement. I know that you will be covering some very important issues and I look forward to receiving feedback from your discussions.

It is hugely important that we break down all barriers preventing people from succeeding in their careers. That is why Access to Work is so important and I was delighted that Labour, in our manifesto this year, committed to commissioning a report into expanding the Access to Work programme. We must do everything we can to support disabled people start and stay in work and must not allow them to lose out due to the cap.

This includes those who are deaf or hard of hearing, who I have long been campaigning for and deserve equal rights and treatment. Deaf people are already discriminated against through all areas of their lives including school, and integrating everyone in the workplace is good for the economy, good for social inclusion and good for individuals' mental health and wellbeing.

I am passionate in my belief that equality is equality, you cannot pick and choose. In my new role as Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities I will be fighting hard for the rights of everyone, no matter their background, disability or any other characteristic and I look forward to continuing working with colleagues and others in support of this vital aim. I hope you have a good evening.

Warm regards,

Dawn Butler MP

Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities
Labour Member of Parliament for Brent Central

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I am committed to keeping my constituents informed on issues which may be of interest to them and my local Labour Party.

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