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The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP  
Chancellor of the Exchequer  
HM Treasury  
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Dear Chancellor,

We are writing to you regarding fuel duty.

Last year, we worked constructively to ensure that the Conservative Government introduced a cut in fuel duty for the thirteenth consecutive year by extending the 5p cut. Working with The Sun newspaper and FairFuelUK, this saved the average driver £100 last year and around £200 since the 5p cut was introduced by George Osborne in 2011.

However, the threat of a 5p hike in fuel duty is hanging over motorists this year. Having backed British motorists in the Autumn Statement, today we urge you to continue to do this in this year's Spring Budget on March 6.

Since 2011, each and every year FairFuelUK, through commissioned independent economic analyses, have shown that cutting filling up costs for 37m drivers that are also our voters, lowers inflation, increases consumer spending, encourages business investment and generates more growth taxes to the exchequer.

It would be catastrophic for British motorists if fuel duty rises in line with inflation. At the Spring Budget last year, you said that "I know how much Sun readers are feeling the pinch right now. Whether you drive a van, a hatchback or a people carrier I know how much you need to be on the road. Keeping it [fuel duty] down means hard-working people will have an extra £100 this year without having to cut down using their vehicle."

The majority of people in the UK use their cars to get around and are dependent on that freedom. Latest estimates show that in 2021, 91 per cent of people use a car at least once a month. Whether this is taking the kids to school, getting to work or visiting a loved one, we have to ensure motorists aren't punished at the pump.

Cutting fuel duty will also continue help stimulate economic growth. Our small and medium sized businesses that form the backbone of our economy are dependent on their vehicle and we can't spike fuel duty and punish businesses.

Over 120,000 people have signed our petition. As such, we urge you to make sure motorists and the logistics industry know that the Conservative Party are on their side once again and keep the cut in fuel duty down for a fourteenth consecutive year.

Yours sincerely,

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Howard Cox, Founder of FairFuelUK

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