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Dear Lady Stroud

Re: Healing a Divided Britain<sup>1</sup>

Please excuse this unsolicited contact in my capacity as the lead independent disability studies researcher in the UK, working in a voluntary capacity, whose research has identified the preventable harm created by the American corporate influence with UK social welfare policies since 1992<sup>2</sup>.

The reason for the contact is my recent access to the above report<sup>1</sup> as published in October 2016, with the manuscript created in partnership with the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) and the Legatum Institute (LI).

I confess that following ten years of independent research it is difficult to comprehend the continued claims of the LI and the CSJ. The vast amount of identified human suffering in society in recent years are as a direct consequence of a combination of welfare reforms and the unnecessary austerity measures, as adopted by successive UK coalition and Conservative governments since 2010. Regardless of Brexit, it is the human suffering and the perceived injustice in society that divides Britain, Lady Stroud, and this suffering has been created by neoliberal politics and the introduction of the politics of fear for those in greatest need<sup>2</sup>.

We believe true prosperity is as much about wellbeing as it is wealth, if all people are to flourish. ... To support and promote this vision, ... our research programmes seek to understand what drives and restrains national success and individual flourishing<sup>1</sup>.

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The Centre for Social Justice

<sup>1</sup> Healing a Divided Britain. Legatum Institute & The Centre for Social Justice, October 2016

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Whilst the above report<sup>1</sup> is relating to Brexit, two years since the report was written clearly the government is divided, with no clear path to prosperity for the UK if Brexit goes ahead.

All attention now lingers on the possible future for the UK if not a part of the European Union. Minds are distracted from the preventable harm and inhumane consequences<sup>2</sup> of various 'welfare reforms' when using the flawed work capability assessment (WCA), which was always destined to cause endless suffering<sup>2,3,5,6,7,8</sup> for many, as the needs of the most vulnerable are dismissed by successive UK governments as nothing more than a financial burden to the state<sup>3</sup>.

With the greatest of respect it remains cause for serious concern that, from your reported comments<sup>4</sup>, you appear to have no comprehension of the human consequences of the savage and brutal welfare reforms imposed on those in greatest need since 2010, when influenced since 1992 by corporate America:

I actually made my decision to return prior to the General Election in May, but went back into government to ensure that, if £12 billion of savings were to be found from welfare, then it would be found in the most socially just way possible. ...

The fact that this Government is referred to by critics as being for the few and not the many is heart-breaking to me – I joined the Conservative Party when its strapline was "Party for the Vulnerable". Right across the Party are good-hearted people who get up every morning and are motivated all day to fight for those who are disadvantaged and to improve the life chances of the many, and in particular the poorest<sup>4</sup>.

It remains difficult to comprehend when there is so much evidence regarding the vast amount of preventable harm created by welfare reform policies, with links to the negative impact on public mental health<sup>3, 5</sup>, yet neither the LI nor the CSJ appear to be familiar with the links to the deaths, despair and devastating human consequences of policies which were always destined to kill<sup>6, 7</sup>.

It is noted that you worked with Iain Duncan Smith for five years<sup>4</sup> but there is no indication that you are alert to the preventable harm created by the former Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, who made a habit of making accusations against claimants of out-of-work disability benefit, whilst failing to support his exaggerated claims with evidence when in the protection of the House of Commons. He also seemed to overlook the fact that prosecuted disability hate crimes increased by 213% when he held office<sup>8</sup>, due in part no doubt to Iain Duncan Smith's relentless misrepresentation of the facts regarding claimants of long-term out-of-work disability benefit<sup>9</sup>.

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<sup>4</sup> Philippa Stroud: I worked with IDS for five years. Now I'm back at the CSJ. And here's my vision of what it should do. Conservative Home, October 2015

<sup>5 &#</sup>x27;First do no harm': are disability assessments associated with adverse trends in mental health? A longitudinal ecological study. B Barr, D Taylor-Robinson, D Stuckler, R Loopstra, A Reeves, M Whitehead. Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health. Vol 70, Issue 4, Nov 2015, p1-7

<sup>6</sup> Psychological tyranny prescribed by the DWP: preventable harm is government policy. Mo Stewart. The British Journal of General Practice December 2018; 68 (677) 579

<sup>7</sup> Killed By The State. Mo Stewart. TruePublica International News Agency, July 2018

<sup>8</sup> Hate crimes on disabled up by 213%. Caroline Wheeler. The Sunday Express, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

<sup>9</sup> IDS cuts money for most vulnerable – and calls it 'support'. Natalie Bloomer, 24 February 2016, politics.co.uk

The tabloid press didn't fail to report the unsubstantiated claims made by Iain Duncan Smith, so banner headlines claiming '75% on sick are skiving' were used to enforce his message, as chronically ill and disabled people learned to live in fear of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). I doubt the increase of 213% in disability hate crimes was totally unexpected as the British public had been successfully manipulated by Iain Duncan Smith, who has yet to accept any responsibility for the brutality of his many claims that do appear to be linked with the dramatic increase in disability hate crimes.



In the recently published 'A new measure of poverty for the  $UK^{10}$ , which was supported by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and others, there is an acknowledgement that of the 7.7 million people living in persistent poverty are families that include a disabled person (p5).

The report also highlights a range of groups that have previously been under-represented in official measures of poverty. For example, our approach suggests that nearly half of the 14.2 million people in poverty live in families with a disabled person (p5).<sup>10</sup>

Your foreword also claims that you would like '... to put poverty at the heart of government policy-making and ensure that the decisions that are made are genuinely made with the long-term interest of those in poverty in mind', whilst disregarding the vast increases in poverty created by UK 'welfare reforms', which were so savage as to be linked to the death, despair and preventable harm of countless numbers of the most vulnerable of all<sup>11</sup>; which is apparently unknown to you.

The welfare of the sick and disabled community in need of State financial support would plummet with the election of the Coalition government in 2010, and the appointment of Iain Duncan Smith as the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. He spent six years successfully manipulating the British public to discredit the welfare state, by demonising claimants of long-term sickness benefit when aided by the tabloid press. They used banner headlines claiming that 75% of disability benefit claimants were 'faking', as Duncan Smith terrorised the sick and disabled community with his many false and exaggerated claims. In 2014 the actual figure for identified fake disability benefit claims was 0.7% of the entire welfare budget, with DWP errors costing 2.1% of the budget. The DWP's incompetence costs three times more than any fake claims<sup>11</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> Hate crimes on disabled up by 213%. Caroline Wheeler. The Sunday Express, January 11th, 2015.

<sup>10</sup> A new measure of poverty for the UK. Social Metrics Commission. September 2018

<sup>11</sup> The American corporate influence with British welfare reforms. Mo Stewart Seminar presentation, the University of Liverpool, September 2018

What remains difficult to comprehend is that the identified unnecessary suffering of the disabled community in particular was adopted for ideological reasons by successive right-wing governments since 2010, as the ultimate Thatcher Legacy was created. Published in September 2016 following seven years of study, 'Cash Not Care: the planned demolition of the UK welfare state' exposed the long held plan to eventually demolish the UK welfare state, to be eventually replaced by private healthcare insurance.

The former DWP Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Mansel Aylward, stepped down from his position as CMO in 2005 and was funded with £1.6 million by Unum (Provident) Insurance to make the template for the future demolition of the UK welfare state. '*The Scientific and Conceptual Basis of Incapacity* Benefits' was rapidly created by Mansel Aylward and Gordon Waddell in October 2005 when at the UnumProvident<sub>TM</sub> Centre for Psychosocial and Disability Research, which was based at the University of Cardiff. The WCA biopsychosocial (BPS) model of assessment adopted by the DWP to assess claimants of the Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) was always destined to kill, as it was a replica of the flawed BPS assessment adopted by Unum (Provident) Insurance to resist funding healthcare insurance claims and the WCA, as used to limit access to the ESA, disregards diagnosis, prognosis and the past medical history of the claimant.

In 2017 the renowned academic Professor Tom Shakespeare and colleagues exposed the flawed Waddell-Aylward research, which identified the adoption of the biopsychosocial (BPS) model of assessment by the DWP to resist funding benefit claims<sup>13</sup>. The Waddell-Aylward BPS model of assessment is used by the DWP for the fatally flawed WCA<sup>3</sup>, to resist funding the ESA for anyone who's too ill to work and in need of financial support by the State<sup>2,3,5,6,7</sup>. Shakespeare et al<sup>13</sup> identified why the Waddell-Aylward BPS model is fatally flawed:

This article critiques Waddell and Aylward's model, examining its origins, its claims and the evidence it employs. ... Key to the BPS model is the idea that it is the negative attitudes of many ESA recipients that prevent them from working, rather than their impairment or health condition.

- ... We outline the chief features of the Waddell-Aylward BPS and argue that, contrary to Lord Freud's comments above, there is no coherent theory or evidence behind this model. We have carefully reviewed claims in Waddell and Aylward's publications; compared these with the accepted scientific literature; and checked their original sources, revealing a cavalier approach to scientific evidence.
- ... In conclusion, the relationship of the advocates of the Waddell-Aylward BPS to the UK government's 'welfare reforms' does not represent evidence-based policy. Rather, it offers a chilling example of policy-based evidence<sup>13</sup>.

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<sup>12</sup> The Scientific and Conceptual Basis of Incapacity Benefits. Gordon Waddell and Mansel Aylward, 2005. London, The Stationary Office. ISBN: 978 011 703 5843 (paperback)

<sup>13</sup> Blaming the victim, all over again: Waddell and Aylward's biopsychosocial (BPS) model of disability. Tom Shakespeare, Nicholas Watson, Ola Abu Alghaib. Critical Social Policy 2017, Vol. 37(1): 22-41

The other critically challenged government commissioned research used to justify future welfare reforms was the 2007 report by former city banker David Freud. *Reducing dependency, increasing opportunity: options for the future of welfare to work*<sup>14</sup> was created in only six weeks at the request of the New Labour government. In keeping with the recommendations of Waddell and Aylward<sup>12</sup>, Freud advised that one million Incapacity Benefit claimants could be returned to work in a 'Welfare to Work system'. The report recommended that the assessment of sick and disabled people should be outsourced to the private sector, and that one million of the 2.8 million people claiming Incapacity Benefit should be moved into work (p5). Within weeks of the publication of the Freud report, Danny Dorling (2007)<sup>15</sup> exposed the fact that Freud had made fundamental errors in his research, had misinterpreted his own references and had 'got his numbers wrong' (p11).

Please be further advised that in November 2001 there was a conference, held at Woodstock near Oxford, and the goal of the conference was the future demolition of the British welfare state<sup>3</sup>:

By November 2001 a conference was assembled at Woodstock, near Oxford, and entitled 'Malingering and Illness Deception' (Conference 2001). Many of the conference participants had an association with UnumProvident<sub>TM</sub> Insurance, as represented by John LoCascio, and the goal of the conference was the future demolition of the British welfare state (Stewart 2015). There was a total of 39 participants including the DWP Chief Medical Officer Mansel Aylward and Malcolm Wicks MP, in his capacity as the then Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the New Labour government. To reduce the numbers eligible for benefit, illness would be redefined and many claimants would be declared fit for work, and 'motivated' into jobs (Rutherford, 2007: 40)<sup>3</sup>.

As the years have passed, endless suffering and despair has been disregarded by successive governments and no amount of suffering will prevent the DWP from their stated political goal, which is the reduction of claimant numbers and the eventual adoption of private healthcare insurance<sup>2</sup>. Prior to its adoption, Ministers of the then New Labour government were warned against using the flawed WCA by their own panel of medical experts, due to the inevitable mental health implications. The DWP disregarded the warnings, as identified in 2015 by the Disability News Service (DNS)<sup>16</sup>:

Ministers and civil servants were "ruthless" and "reckless" in forcing through their new "fitness for work" tests and refusing to abandon it even after they were told of the harm it was causing, according to a former government adviser. Professor Geoff Shepherd, who was one of nine members of a working group set up by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) nearly ten years ago, said the department could and should have predicted how stressful the test was going to be... And he said it was "reckless" of DWP to continue with the WCA once evidence began to emerge of how damaging it was, especially to people with mental health conditions... Professor Shepherd told DNS that the WCA was a "deeply flawed" and damaging process, something that could and should have been predicted at the time of its introduction under the last Labour government in September 2008<sup>16</sup>.

No doubt the '*staggering*' numbers of ESA suicide<sup>17</sup> figures may have also escaped your attention. Yet, this evidence has been in the public domain for the past twelve months but there's no evidence of any

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<sup>15</sup> The real mental health bill. Danny Dorling. Journal of Public Mental Health 2007, 6(3), 6-13

<sup>16 &#</sup>x27;Ruthless' DWP 'forced through the WCA despite knowing of harm'. DNS 11th December, 2015.

<sup>17 &#</sup>x27;Staggering' ESA suicide figures prompt calls for inquiry and prosecution of ministers. DNS 14th December, 2017

concern expressed by DWP Ministers of a UK government who disregard the preventable harm created for those in greatest need, when social welfare policies are influenced by corporate America<sup>2</sup>, with a former DWP CMO who always had an alternative agenda<sup>18</sup>.

Successful ESA claimants are placed into either the Support Group, which means there is no conditionality for those considered to be the most severely disabled, or the Work Related Activity Group (WRAG). Conditionality applies to those in the WRAG, and the DWP's claimed help and support of disabled people in the form of coercion and intimidation is demonstrated in every letter; as demonstrated by significant very detailed research by Catherine Hale (2014), which identified evidence from over 500 respondents to an in-depth WRAG survey published by MIND and the Centre for Welfare Reform<sup>19</sup>:

This review found that the main strategy for moving people in the WRAG closer to work is a regime of conditionality and sanctions, not matched by appropriate support and opportunities. Moreover, the mandatory activities within this regime are often inaccessible to disabled people, and it appears that reasonable adjustments are rarely made to enable participation. Consequently, the application of conditionality and sanctions is frequently inappropriate and unjust. We found overwhelming evidence of the distress this causes. It seems highly probable that the fear and distress caused by an excessive focus on conditionality, and the associated threat of sanctions, is linked to the large scale deterioration in health, wellbeing and confidence reported by respondents. Survey results suggested that the overall impact of participation in the WRAG is to move further away from work, instead of closer to it...

"The worst thing, I find, is realising that I am forced into looking for a life I want but have no chance of having. I seriously feel I may kill myself because being sick, having next to no money, no life, no future, no cure, constant pain and constant disapproval and rejections defeats me."...

The compulsion to engage in back-to-work support was introduced to ESA because it was believed to be the means of achieving social inclusion and the alleviation of poverty... By various measures for social inclusion and wellbeing, ESA has not only categorically failed in its intentions but produced deterioration in confidence and wellbeing for the vast majority of respondents to this survey<sup>19</sup>.

Having conducted this research now for ten years, with my book<sup>2</sup> identified as recommended reading for social policy courses at various universities, and ordered for university libraries, yet those who need to know the realities behind the welfare reforms remain blissfully unaware of the ideology behind them, which are unrelated to any banking crisis<sup>20</sup>.

As the introduction of austerity was destined to cause distress, so it was necessary for the government to offer the public someone else to blame. The very easy targets of a quickly evolved political smear campaign were the long-term chronically ill and disabled people, who were totally dependent upon welfare funding for their financial survival. This relentless political attack against those in greatest need was created to suggest that the UK could no longer justify the welfare budget, that following the 2008 banking crisis suddenly the UK was required to 'live within our means', with the suggestion that the public sector deficit should be completely removed. In reality, this situation was planned many years ago to justify the eventual removal of the welfare state en route to the adoption of private healthcare insurance<sup>20</sup>.

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**<sup>18</sup>** Malingering and Illness Deception. Edited by Peter Halligan, Christopher Bass and David Oakley. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 0 19 851554 5 (Pbk)

<sup>19</sup> Fulfilling potential? ESA and the fate of the Work-Related Activity Group. Catherine Hale 2014.

<sup>20</sup> Demonising disabled people: public behaviour and attitudes during welfare reforms. Mo Stewart. University of York

Given the number of official reports that claim to be concerned with the poor, the disabled population or the ongoing welfare reforms<sup>21</sup>, it remains disturbing that, without exception, they all fail to identify or acknowledge the most important evidence available in the public domain<sup>3,5,6,7,13,16,17,19,20</sup> and the preventable harm created by welfare reforms as influenced by corporate America since 1992<sup>2</sup>.

As a retired healthcare professional, I have the necessary time to investigate and expose this ongoing government funded tyranny against those least able to protest, as healthcare insurance is about to be introduced<sup>21, 22</sup> to replace state funded benefit, as initially planned by Mrs Thatcher as long ago as 1982<sup>23</sup>. Governments tend to fail to learn from past mistakes. The involvement of the private sector with public services has been an unmitigated failure, as demonstrated in various select committee reports, yet more and more official reports seem to be oblivious and continue to suggest the involvement of private companies. Historically, the Centre for Social Justice continues to disregard all evidence against their ideological ambitions.

The general concensus created when Iain Duncan Smith was the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions is that any poor person can be blamed for their own situation<sup>5, 13</sup>, including the chronically ill and disabled, as the ongoing adoption of American social policies by various UK governments was disregarded<sup>24</sup>.

The deaths, despair and preventable harm created by the introduction of private companies to assess sick and disabled claimants when using the fatally flawed BPS model is an ongoing national scandal Lady Stroud, and it's time this unnecessary human suffering was ended. Given your clear determination to help the less fortunate, it is a great pity that the only evidence accessed in published reports is not the most detailed evidence that I humbly suggest you need to see. Therefore, I have taken the opportunity to share the most recent evidence with you, and I very much hope this contact, and the evidence contained therein, is welcome.

I would welcome any feedback once you've had the opportunity to access the enclosed evidence.

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- 21 Reforming Contributory Benefits. Roundtable Report July 2016. The Centre for Social Justice
- 22 The Centre for Social Justice say Brexit is 'an opportunity' to introduce private insurance schemes to replace contribution-based social security. Kitty S Jones. October 2018
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#### **Enclosures**

- State Crime by Proxy: corporate influence on state sanctioned social harm: JCPCP, Volume 18, Number 4, December 2018, p217-227
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I believe the content of this letter, together with the referenced evidence and the enclosures, may offer detailed and often disturbing evidence previously unknown to you and your colleagues, and it is hoped it will be helpful to you. I must stress that I am a healthcare professional by training, not an academic, and the past ten years of self-funded research has been conducted in a private capacity and is entirely voluntary.

Due to the research I have the opportunity to meet with various distinguished people who wish to share my knowledge. Should a meeting be thought helpful, I should advise that due to disability any travel for me is difficult and is also cost prohibitive. However, there is a very nice hotel close to my home, and visitors usually meet me there to benefit from a quiet and uninterrupted discussion. You would be most welcome to visit, at your convenience, should you feel a meeting may be helpful to your very important work.

Thank you very much for your time today.

Wishing you and your colleagues the Compliments of the Season.

Yours, most sincerely



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