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Amazon Tax

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about the amount taxation paid by online corporations such as Amazon.

The overwhelming majority of people and companies pay their tax at the rate at which it is set. Big corporations should be no exception to this but like so many people I am concerned that there is not an equal playing field between smaller and bigger companies when it comes to paying corporation tax. Too often companies like Amazon pay meagre amounts of tax relative to the scale of their operations in the UK with the tax burden falling on bricks-and-mortar firms and not online giants such as Amazon.

Furthermore it is not fair that this year Amazon have doubled their profits, yet are paying even less tax in the UK than last year. This underlines why there is so much more that needs to be done to crack down on multinational corporations playing the international tax system in order to pay less tax in countries like the UK.

Labour are committed to ensuring that the wealthiest individuals and corporations pay their fair share of tax. That is why a Labour Government would introduce a range of measures to crack down on tax dodging under our Tax Transparency and Enforcement Programme. We would also work with leading tax experts to address the scandal of tax avoidance and ensure that HMRC have the resources to properly investigate avoidance.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me about this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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