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Minimum Income Requirement

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to contact me in regards to the Minimum Income Requirement.

The Minimum Income Requirement, which came into force in July 2012, means that British people who earn less than £18,600 a year cannot be joined in the UK by a partner from outside the European Economic Area. In Birmingham, Northfield, this ensures that over 40% of constituents do not earn enough to sponsor a visa for a loved one from outside the EEA.

Labour believes that rights should be protected. Article 8 of the European convention on human rights states that "Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence." A Labour Government would uphold this right, and has committed to ensuring that there would be no Minimum Income Requirement for those seeking to come here to be reunited with their family members, either from inside or outside the EEA.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me regarding this matter.

Best wishes,

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

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