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Dear Mr Boumphrey,

Re: GMB union pay claim

I am writing to you in my capacity as the MP for Denton and Reddish on behalf of workers employed by Amazon.

This follows communications with the GMB union on their recent call for ACAS facilitated talks with Amazon and the pay claim they have submitted to yourself on behalf of their members.

The UK is currently facing an extreme cost-of-living crisis. Workers pay packets cannot keep up with spiralling costs, and many are struggling to pay their bills and feed their families. I know this to be the case for many Amazon workers, and the strength of feeling among your workers is crystal clear.

Amazon's plan of 35p extra an hour amounts to mere £10 a week in the pockets of these workers. This insufficient offer was made without any meaningful consultation with unions and will clearly not cover the bills. While your company has made enormous profits it seems profoundly immoral to not give your workers a fair and decent pay rise.

Amazon fulfilment centres kept households stocked with essentials during the course of the pandemic. Staff worked around the clock to get households and the public through Covid restrictions. For you to turn your back on workers now is utterly indefensible.

I am disappointed to hear that Amazon are continuing to refuse to meet with the GMB Union to agree a pay agreement that workers so desperately need.

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I write to ask that Amazon reforms its conduct towards its own workforce. I urge you to agree to talk with the GMB Union, in ACAS facilitated talks, and negotiate with them around your workers' pay, so all sides can be brought together to agree a fair deal.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and effort in reading this. It will be much appreciated if you can send me a response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Gwynne".

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