Joint civil society statement on the UC & PIP Bill

Monday 30th June 2025

We are coming together as organisations committed to fighting poverty, providing advice, and supporting and championing the rights of disabled people, their families, and carers. We stand firmly with disabled people and their organisations in calling for the UK government to withdraw the UC & PIP Bill and to undertake genuine dialogue with disabled people to shape reforms centred on the rights and dignity that all disabled people need and deserve.

At a time when the share of GDP spent on working-age social security has remained stable for the last ten years, cutting the incomes of disabled people is a political choice. There is time for the government to pursue alternatives. If this Bill is voted through, then by 2030 it will have cut PIP for more than 400,000 disabled people and Universal Credit for more than 700,000 people who are disabled or have a long-term health condition. These numbers will only increase in the years to follow.

This Bill has also been brought before parliament:

- Without consultation with disabled people
- Without any assessment of its impact on health and employment outcomes
- Before the planned review of the PIP assessment has properly begun its work
- Without knowing how the outcome of the PIP review may affect these reforms

The changes announced last week and the compressed timetable for scrutiny mean that MPs will only have a single day to debate or amend the new provisions. There is too much at stake for disabled people for this Bill to be rushed through without the opportunity for meaningful challenge or scrutiny. We urge all MPs to vote against this Bill at Second Reading.

Signatories

Acts 435

Action for Children

Amnesty International

British Association of Social Workers

Camphill Village Trust

Centre for Mental Health

Child Poverty Action Group

Children & Young People's Mental Health Coalition

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Community Money Advice

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Cystic Fibrosis Trust

Debt Justice

Diabetes UK

Disability Benefits Consortium

Disability Law Service

Disabled People Against Cuts

End Child Poverty Coalition

Endometriosis UK

Engender

Fuel Poverty Action

Home Start

Human Rights Watch

Huntington's Disease Association

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Independent Food Aid Network

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National Autistic Society

National Children's Bureau

National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society

National Survivor User Network

Neuroendocrine Cancer UK

New Economics Foundation

Oxfam

Parkinson's UK

Quaker Social Action

Rethink Mental Illness

Royal National Institute of Blind People

Royal National Institute of Deaf People

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Scope

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Shelter

Sisters of Frida

St Mungo's

Stripy Lightbulb CIC

The Children's Society

The Food Foundation

The Poverty Alliance

The Salvation Army

Trussell

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Turning Point

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Young Lives vs Cancer

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Close the Gap

Food Plymouth

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One Parent Families Scotland

Parenting Across Scotland

Scottish Women's Budget Group

Shelter Scotland

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