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Dear Sir,

I write in response to your rating consultation to support the proposal of capping the capital value at which house rates are applied to £400,000.

HAVING BEEN WIDOWED AT THE AGE OF 47, WITH THREE CHILDREN STILL AT SCHOOL, I WORKED HARD UP TO THE AGE OF 65 IN ORDER TO STAY ON IN THE FAMILY HOME. NOW AS A PENSIONER WITH MINIMAL INCREASES IN MY PENSION, I AM NOW BEING ASKED TO FIND PENAL RATE CHARGES OUT OF MODEST SAVINGS.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

