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Dear Rachel,

Re: Congratulations from Oldham Council

I am delighted to see you in this historic role, you have always been a personal role model for me, at a meeting of Oldham Council on Wednesday 6th November 2024, an amendment to a motion was agreed and one of the resolutions was that I would write to you to congratulate you on being the first woman to serve as Chancellor of the Exchequer and thus deliver a budget.

Council noted your commitment to delivering a budget that restores stability, protects working people, fixes the NHS and rebuilds Britain. As well as fixing the foundations of our economy following fourteen years of failed Conservative austerity and restoring fiscal responsibility after Conservative economic mismanagement including Liz Truss' 2022 mini budget.

Council also noted that the first Labour Budget in 14 years delivered:

- A pay rise for 3 million workers
- A freeze on fuel duty
- New funding to deliver an extra two million NHS operations, scans and appointments a year.
- No tax increases for working people.
- £30million for breakfast clubs.
- £240million package to Get Britain Working again.
- £1.4billion to rebuild 500 schools.
- £500m investment to build thousands of new social homes.
- £1billion boost to the Household Support Fund.
- £1.3billion extra funding for Local Government, including £600m for social care.
- An increase in the state pension by up to £470.
- The biggest increase to Carer's Allowance eligibility since its introduction.
- 40% relief on business rates for hospitality and leisure sectors.
- Non-dom tax status abolished.
- £500million to fix roads and fill potholes.
- Increased the employment allowance to support small businesses.
- A crack down on fraud, waste and tax avoidance.

Thank you for delivering a budget that focuses on the needs of working people, growing our economy, and investing in our public services.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arooj Shah', written over a light grey dotted rectangular background.

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