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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Unreasonable request to prove all Disability Related Expenditures with a receipt**

Please review your request to provide individual receipts to evidence all my Disability-Related Expenditures (DRE). I believe this request is excessive and unreasonable. Please consider and explain the necessity of this in my case. In addition, if this is the local authority policy to always ask for receipts for all disability-related expenditures, I am also asking to review the reasonableness of this policy.

**Why I think the request is unreasonable.**

I provided evidence of my expenditure. Collecting all receipts is burdensome and inaccessible for me as a Disabled person. Your request to collect and submit receipts for all DRE items creates a barrier for me to keep enough money to live on. You are not considering all my DRE, so you are asking me to pay much more than what I can afford in my care contributions. This goes against a key principle outlined in the Care and Support Guidance para 8.1.

I also would like to draw your attention to the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman decision in the East Sussex County Council case (17 015 118). The Ombudsman held a policy of asking for receipts for all DRE items without paying attention and considering a person’s circumstances to be maladministration, noting (at para 41) that there may well be occasions when it is not possible to 'evidence every spend or provide a detailed breakdown of every cost. Councils should consider each application on its merits.' The decision further emphasised that councils should avoid adopting a blanket policy for DRE claims.

It will be difficult for me to provide receipts for the following reasons:

Please insert and list the reasons

I also would like you to note that I experience extra barriers as a disabled person, and I require extra support to collect, find and organise those receipts.

I am asking you to reconsider your request. If you still believe I should provide all the receipts, please explain why, and let me know the legal basis for your request. DELETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE REFERENCING THE EQUALITY ACT IF THE PERSON IS ABLE TO ORGANISE AND COLLECT RECEIPTS. Please let me know how the local authority can assist me in finding and organising receipts as part of its reasonable adjustment duty under the Equality Act 2010.

I believe I am paying too much for my care as not all my DRE has been counted in. This puts enormous pressure on my finances and creates immense mental distress. I am struggling to survive on how much money I get left with. Therefore, I ask that you consider and respond to this letter urgently and no later than within 2 weeks.

Yours faithfully,

[Your Name]