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**The Revd David Haslam**, Chair, Church Action for Tax Justice  
**The Rt Revd Michael D Doe**, Vice-chair, and Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Southwark

The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP  
HM Treasury  
1 Horse Guards Road  
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Dear Chancellor

We wish you well as you prepare for your first Budget on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

We represent Church Action for Tax Justice, which Rowan Williams and Richard Harries helped launch in the House of Lords last year.

CATJ believes that a fairer and more effective tax system in the UK would provide more resources for much-needed improvements in public services, create more social equality, and contribute to a greater sense of the Common Good.

We work alongside Tax Justice UK, and have contributed to the All Party Parliamentary Committee on Responsible Tax. Both Andrew Mitchell and Margaret Hodge have spoken at our meetings.

As you will see from the enclosed leaflet we are calling for

- **Taxes on unearned income to be equalised with taxes from work;**
- **Urgent reform of the Council Tax and replacement with some form of proportionate property and/or land tax;**
- **Introduction of a global minimum Corporation Tax.**

We welcome your intention "to usher in a decade of renewal" and we believe that the reform of our tax system is fundamental to building a society in which individuals and corporations pay their fair share, and everyone benefits from the wealth which is created.

We look forward to seeing this new direction in your Budget next month, and we hope you will keep us informed of the progress being made.

Yours sincerely

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