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Dear Ruth,

Re: Visitor Levy

Thank you for your letter about the Labour government's new tourism tax.

I am opposed to this unnecessary and damaging tax, which will increase the cost of holidays for my constituents.

I am concerned about the impact on Shropshire's hospitality sector. Hotels and B&Bs already pay VAT at 20 per cent, plus corporation tax, business rates and National Insurance. The government's 2024 Autumn Budget approved £3.4 billion of extra taxes on hospitality businesses.

The tourism tax is yet another tax on British holidays. I will continue to call on the government to change course and start supporting hospitality businesses which create jobs and growth.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a long horizontal line.

The Rt Hon Mark Pritchard MP