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Dear George Osborne MP*

Globally tax plays a vital role in society redistributing wealth funding vital services and tackling poverty. Yet companies and wealthy individuals dodge billions in tax every year. By cracking down on tax dodging countries could fund transformational public services and avoid cuts which punish the poorest.

In the UK tax avoidance and evasion cost the UK economy approximately £119bn in 2013-14 and this cost will grow unless the government takes action. The UK also allows multinational companies to dodge tax, through a global network of tax havens.

To avoid tax dodging we need well-resourced tax offices. Tax compliance staff on average salaries of £30k bring in roughly £958k of tax each year. Yet staff numbers have been cut from 92,000 in 2005 to 56,000 in 2015, with thousands more threatened. This government should not be cutting jobs that bring in billions of pounds, instead they should be investing in a fair tax system that properly funds public services.

I am writing to you to demand:

- An immediate stop to job cuts and office closures in HMRC and that HMRC is properly resourced
- Ensure UK tax rules don't encourage big companies to avoid tax in developing countries
- Close down tax havens

Yours sincerely

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