Members of the House of Lords
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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to inform you that I have tabled an amendment to the Pensions Bill which introduces a new class of Voluntary National Insurance Contribution - Class 3A.

This policy was announced by the Chancellor in the Autumn Statement and a policy brief providing more detailed information has been laid in the House library and will be published on GOV.UK later today. A copy of the paper is attached as an annexe to this letter.

The Department has also submitted a supplementary Memorandum to the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee in respect of this amendment and a copy of this is also attached for your information.

I hope this letter is helpful and I will place a copy of the letter and both attachments in the House library. If you would like any further information on this amendment or on the Pensions Bill more broadly, please contact the Pensions Bill team, by email at pensions.bill@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or by phoning the Bill Manager, Michael Cordy, on 02074497508.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Freud

Minister for Welfare Reform