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Dear Secretary of State

BRITISH COAL STAFF SUPERANNUATION SCHEME

I am very pleased that the UK Government took the decision to right a historical wrong in returning £1.5 billion of money kept from pensions to over 100,000 former mineworkers involved in the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (MPS) in October 2024.

I know that this came from a significant fight from former mineworkers and their families looking for justice over many years and I am confident that they will welcome the 32% boost to their annual pensions.

I am writing regarding the other pension scheme for mineworkers, the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme (BCSSS). A number of my constituents have contacted me in the wake of the UK Government's decision to restore funds to the MPS to ask why the BCSSS, which has seen a reported £3.2 billion being taken from it by the UK Government in similar circumstances to the MPS, has not been granted the same return of funds.

I believe that if we are to truly right this historical wrong, there must be parity between all mineworkers included in both pension schemes. I urge you to act to return money kept from pensions in the BCSSS and I would appreciate if you could provide an update as to what considerations the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and the UK Government are giving to ensure this historical wrong is fully righted.

Kind regards,

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