

# North Devon CLP

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Dear Ms Saxby,

I am writing to you with the gravest of concerns following your comments on social media this week, in which you suggested that businesses struggling due to the impact of Coronavirus who choose to provide food for hungry children during the school holidays should not expect further financial assistance from the Government. We find these comments abhorrent and an attack on decent, hardworking people who are doing their best to find a compassionate way through the current crisis and step in to help local people where you and your Government consistently fail. In your "apology" you said your words had been taken out of context and that you have recently received a high level of abuse. Personal abuse towards elected politicians is totally unacceptable. However, nothing justifies the offensive remarks you offered in response and we can only assume they reflect your feelings towards the businesses who keep our communities and economy alive, and the most vulnerable people living in our towns and villages.

Your recent refusal to vote in favour of providing food to those children who will suffer the most during the school holidays, your refusal to vote in favour of protecting our farmers and rural community and your refusal to vote in favour of protecting our NHS in future trade deals are among a long list of disappointing parliamentary votes. These failures paint a very dark picture and demonstrate that you are not working in the best interests of your constituents. Front line workers, small businesses, NHS workers, education professionals and farmers are your constituents Ms Saxby. They elected you to protect them and their livelihoods.



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As a result of your abhorrent comments this week, you have demonstrated without any doubt your contempt for your constituents. You have demonstrated a level of incompetence that has been reported across the entire nation. It is for these reasons that North Devon Labour feels there is no other option than to call for your resignation.

Sincerely,

Nick Agnew  
Secretary, North Devon CLP

