

TIME FOR CHANGE

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**A Sinn Féin government will stand up for you.
Seasfidh rialtas Shinn Féin ar do shon.**

**OUR ALTERNATIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS WOULD PUT
WORKERS AND FAMILIES FIRST AND IMPLEMENT AN
EMERGENCY COST OF LIVING PACKAGE OF SUPPORTS.**

KEY PROPOSALS:

- ▶ Immediately introduce an emergency Cost of Living Package of financial supports
- ▶ Cut and freeze electricity costs at 2021 levels
- ▶ Direct payments to those struggling most with energy costs
- ▶ A double child benefit payment worth €140 per child to be paid at the start of October
- ▶ Reduce excise duty on petrol and diesel and remove it entirely from home heating oil
- ▶ Establish a discretionary debt utility fund to be run by Community Welfare Officers
- ▶ Put money back in renters' pockets via a tax relief to be implemented immediately
- ▶ Cut childcare fees by two-thirds



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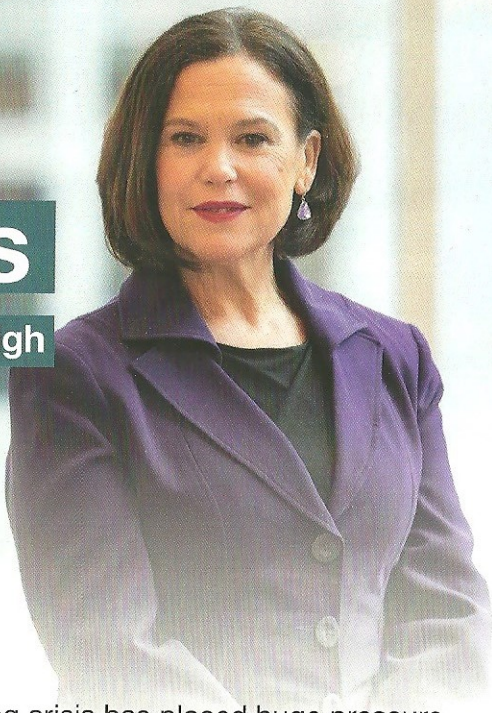
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A letter to workers and families

Litir chuig oibrithe agus teaghlaigh

From **Mary Lou
McDonald,**
SINN FÉIN LEADER



A chairde

I don't need to tell you that the cost of living crisis has placed huge pressure on households.

You feel it in your pocket every day.

The basic necessities are increasingly beyond the reach of so many.

Workers on low and fixed incomes are at breaking point while middle income families struggle to keep up.

At every turn, Sinn Féin pushed the government hard to introduce an Emergency Budget with measures that get living costs down right across the board.

Pearse Doherty outlined a comprehensive package that would make a real difference. Thug Pearse Doherty chuntas ar phacáiste cuimsitheach a dhéanfidh fíor-difríocht.

I want you to know that Sinn Féin is on your side. Ba mhaith liom go mbeidh a fhois agat go bhfuil Sinn Féin ar do thaobh. We will keep standing up for you. We will keep pushing for action that will bring relief and give households the breathing space they will badly need.

I believe that workers and families are entitled to a good and secure life. It is time for a government that believes that too.



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