**UCDHP2 REQUEST FOR DHP AWARD TO BE AT LEAST EQUAL IN AMOUNT TO THE APA MANAGED PAYMENT THAT ENDED TO ALLOW THE AWARD OF A DHP**

Name

Address

DWP Office

Date:

Dear Sir / Madam

## RE: Request for DHP award to be at least equal to the amount of the APA Managed Payment that ended to allow the award of a DHP

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NI No:

I have recently applied for/ please find attached my application for a Discretionary Housing Payment.

Prior to making this application my rent was being paid by way of an APA managed payment to my landlord, but I was informed that this payment needed to be stopped before I could apply for a DHP.

The APA managed payment to landlord was in place because:

Whilst the APA managed payment was in place the worry over losing my home was lifted. I now find myself extremely worried again about how my rent is going to be paid into the future. I need the DHP because:

In order that my arrears do not increase any further, to keep in line with my court order and ensure that the roof over my (and my family’s head) be safeguarded, I would be grateful if you could:

1. Make a decision on my application for a DHP as soon as possible.
2. Make the value of the DHP award at least equal to the amount of the APA managed payment that I was forced to stop to be able to make this application ie £
3. Pay the DHP directly to my landlord -

I have been put in this very difficult and worrying position due to the way the Discretionary Financial Assistance Regulations 2001 are written. These Regulations were written prior to the introduction of Universal Credit so do not take account of my current predicament - ideally these Regulations should be reviewed because they fil to take account of the way that Universal Credit works.

The APA managed payment was put in place to safeguard my tenancy, because of my high arrears / vulnerability. So unless the DHP covers the full eligible rent and is paid directly to my landlord there is a real risk that I will fail to pay any rent that is due and my tenancy will be put in jeopardy.

I strongly believe, therefore, that I (and my family) should not suffer because the Regulations have not yet been reviewed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours faithfully