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WILL IT BE ENOUGH TO SEE OFF LABOUR?

RISHI Sunak is plotting a radical election pledge to abolish National Insurance in a bid to show the Tories are on the side of working people.

Jeremy Hunt yesterday slashed 2p off the headline rate of National Insurance

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for the second time in four months – a combined tax cut worth an average £900 a year to those in work.

In a tax-cutting Budget that could be the last before the general election, the Chancellor branded National Insurance an 'unfair' levy and pledged further reductions 'when it is responsi-

ble'. A senior Tory source told the Mail that the Prime Minister wants to abolish the tax over the longer term – and could put a pledge to do so at the heart of this year's election manifesto.

The move would cost £50 billion, but Treasury minister Bim Afolami confirmed: 'We want to eliminate that double tax on work.' The cut to NI, which will boost the pay cheques of

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