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Dear all,

You may have recently seen the news that I have been appointed as the new Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, taking over from Sajid Javid who is now the Home Secretary.

I wanted to write to introduce myself, but also to reach out to you at the earliest opportunity to reassure you of my priorities and commitment to ensuring you get the support you need to rebuild your lives. This means continuing to ensure that your interests and concerns are fully taken into account on the issues that are important to you. For example, we are grateful for the views of the bereaved, survivors and wider community into my Department's review into Social Housing led by Dominic Raab and we can assure you that these views will be taken seriously. The Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety led by Dame Judith Hackitt is of course extremely important and your views and input following the publication of the Review will continue to be important to the government.

In addition, the Minister for Grenfell Victims, Nick Hurd, will continue to provide support and assurance for the bereaved, survivors and the wider community as well as ensuring your concerns are heard across government.

In the days following the catastrophe last June, Sajid Javid spoke for all of us in Parliament when he expressed his heartfelt grief for loss suffered by you and your loved ones, who had been through some of the most harrowing and traumatic experiences imaginable.

You may be concerned that both Sajid Javid and Alok Sharma, the former Housing Minister, are no longer in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. However, Sajid Javid has spoken to me about his experiences in meeting with many of you in the days and weeks after the tragedy and the incredible dignity and courage of the bereaved, survivors and the community from the beginning. I will work closely with Nick Hurd in his role as Minister for Grenfell Victims to understand, in detail, the challenges being faced and where we need to step in to support you on your road to recovery.

Please be assured that the Government's highest priority is to ensure that you all receive the support you need and that action is taken to ensure nothing like this can ever happen again.

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