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Dear Prime Minister,

I write with the greatest regret to inform you of my decision to step down as a Government Whip in the Lords due to personal circumstances.

I have very much enjoyed the role over the past year and it has been a great honour and a privilege to serve in your Government. I remain totally committed to delivering the vision you have set for the country, a country which works for everyone and one which helps the vulnerable and the sick. To that end, I am delighted as someone who has worked in the NHS for a long time, that the NHS is getting record sums of money, ensuring we all have access to the health provisions we need to improve our health and wellbeing.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me in April. I very much value all that you are doing regarding leaving the European Union. It's a difficult and challenging time and I admire your leadership and stamina in trying to find a solution to get the country through this unprecedented time in our country's political history. I thank you for your obvious commitment to the national interest.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work in Government and at such an interesting time and with so many talented colleagues and friends. Its been an amazing experience and should my circumstances change, it would be a privilege to serve you again in some capacity.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best in all your endeavours.

Vorm ever, Zahida.