

THE PRIME MINISTER

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I wanted to write to thank you for your service as Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union.

On the day that the United Kingdom leaves the EU, you can take particular pride that we are delivering on our promise to the British people to get Brexit done. Your work, and that of your department, has been absolutely crucial in ensuring that we are leaving the EU with a great new deal and that we are in such a strong position going into the negotiations about our future relationship. I am extremely grateful for all the hard work that you have put in as Secretary of State in helping us to reach this point, firstly under Theresa May and in particular since I became Prime Minister last year.

I know you share my view that leaving the EU gives us an historic opportunity to unleash the country's full potential and level up the entire United Kingdom. You have worked tirelessly to ensure that we can seize the opportunities that lie ahead and make this a decade of renewal for our whole country.

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Thank you again for all your hard work and support.