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Dear Dame Judith,

I am writing to thank you for your first biannual report as Chair of the Industry Safety Steering Group (ISSG).

As stated in our consultation, *Building a Safer Future*, the Government is expecting industry to go further in leading culture change and embedding good practice in order to achieve a safer building system. I am pleased to hear that the publication of the consultation setting out the Government's commitment to robust regulatory change will support the Steering Group in holding industry to account.

I welcome the work of the Steering Group in supporting and challenging industry to deliver culture change. I am pleased to see the progress set out in the report and that the majority of representatives from the construction industry are taking positive steps to implement culture change. I value the work the Steering Group has done in partnership with the Competence Steering Group, which has resulted in significant progress in delivering proposals for an overarching system for competence. I am also pleased by the commitment shown by parts of the industry to drive culture change, particularly the progress made by the Early Adopters in developing a new Building Safety Charter, committing those who sign up to put people's safety first. I am also pleased with the progress of organisations such as the Construction Products Association and British Board of Agrément in driving up standards to ensure that products are of a high standard and safety standards are upheld.

I agree that maintaining momentum is important. I also note that your report makes clear that there is still much more work to do to ensure culture change reaches the whole industry. I look forward to hearing about the progress the ISSG has made in your next report in December, in particular:

- Challenging the parts of industry demonstrating signs of complacency, and putting pressure on those who fail to demonstrate significant change;
- Supporting sustained momentum and leadership within the industry itself to drive real change; and
- Engaging with wider industry to promote the message of culture change.

It is vital that the industry is leading these changes to ensure a safer building system. I would very much like to meet with you to discuss this report further.

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