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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your kindness and support whilst I have been enduring surgery and treatment following the frustrating recurrence of my lung cancer. Throughout this period I have received outstanding treatment from our NHS at a time when it has been under such additional strain due to the Pandemic. The people who work within it are truly amazing and the care I have received from Guy's and St Thomas's has been second to none.

My recovery from treatment and return to full duties is, however, taking longer than anticipated. Given my responsibilities to the public, the Government and to Parliament, I have therefore concluded that it is best that I stand down from my Ministerial role and focus on restoring my health.

It has been an honour to serve as a Minister in your Government and to have had the chance to work again alongside our police, security and intelligence agencies whose tireless efforts keep us all safe. I have appreciated the chance to put in place legislation to govern the use of covert human intelligence sources and to have launched the separate public consultations to create a 'Protect Duty' to make our public spaces safer from terrorist attacks and measures to strengthen this country's response to the threats posed by the activities of foreign states.

I want to thank the Home Secretary for her support. She has been a pleasure to work with and her personal kindness and encouragement during this recent period has meant a great deal.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to serve the public. I hope to be able to serve again in some way in the future.

Yours ever,

Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP
Minister of State for Security