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Dear Lord Evans,

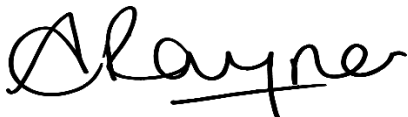
I write to make you aware that I will be delivering a speech tomorrow – Thursday 13th July – at the Institute for Government on the Labour Party's plans to 'Clean Up' Politics.

In my speech I will outline Labour's plans to establish an Independent Ethics and Integrity Commission. This independent Commission will oversee and enforce standards in Government, ending the current situation in which, the Prime Minister is the judge and jury on every case of ministerial misconduct. We are clear that our democracy cannot hinge on gentlemen's agreements, it needs independent and robust protection.

I will refer to your committee in my speech, and want to assure you that I and the Labour Party respect the integrity and the function that you and your team provide. I want to say a huge thank you to you and your staff working in the face of huge resistance to try and improve standards in public life. I am hopeful that this new body will make your lives easier, empowering you to do your job without resistance.

I would encourage you to listen to the speech and the Q&A that will follow as I hope you will find it both interesting and encouraging and please do not hesitate to contact my office if you wish to engage with us further on this.

Yours sincerely,



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