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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

RE: NEW HOUSING REGULATOR.

Thank you for contacting me recently about a new housing regulator; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

The Grenfell Tower fire was one of the worst tragedies this nation has experienced in many years. It is impossible to comprehend what those affected by the fire have had to deal with – something that has really struck me when I have met with the survivors and will stay with me. Rightly, the Government is determined to ensure that those affected continue to receive the support they both need and deserve, and that swift action is taken to improve housing safety.

Dame Hackitt conducted an extensive and comprehensive review of building regulations and fire safety, and the Government responded by taking forward all of the review's recommendations to create a stronger and more effective regulatory framework to improve building safety. The Government has committed to creating a Joint Regulators Group, which brings together Local Authority Building Control, the National Fire Chiefs Council, the Health and Safety Executive and the Local Government Association. The Joint Group will develop and pilot new approaches to regulation to deliver a stronger and better regime that benefits everyone, and drive culture change among regulators, the construction sector and building owners.

I welcome the consultation launched in June on proposals for reforming the building safety regulatory system, which includes a proposal for a new building safety regulator to provide oversight of the building safety regulatory regime. I am confident that the consultation, as well as the review of social housing regulation in the *Social Housing Green Paper*, will result in robust improvements to the quality and safety of housing.

We must rebuild public trust in the system in tribute to those who lost their lives, the bereaved and the survivors. To this end, I am confident that the new regulatory regime put in place will ensure that a tragedy like the Grenfell fire never happens again.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

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