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From the Special Adviser for Civil Society

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Dear Ms Marshall, Mr Wilson,

Thank you both for your letter of 25 July to the Prime Minister regarding the scourge of domestic abuse.

The Prime Minister shares your concern about domestic abuse and is a strong supporter of the Domestic Abuse Bill. The Government would like to see more support for these forgotten victims, for whom coming forward is often extraordinarily difficult, and to see more action taken against the perpetrators of such horrific actions.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my whole-hearted support for the new Domestic Abuse Commissioner Nicole Jacobs. Ms Jacobs is an inspiration to many, and has both the experience and understanding to be a resounding voice for those who need it the most, championing victims and guiding Government reform. Together, the new Commissioner and Domestic Abuse Bill will help turn the tide on domestic abuse.

I would also like to thank you both, and everyone in the Restored charity, for everything you do to support the victims of domestic abuse. Recovering from such crimes often takes a community-wide effort, and the Government welcomes your help in this area.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely

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