

Rt Hon Boris Johnson, MP
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25th July 2019

Dear Prime Minister,

We at Restored would like to welcome you to the office of Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Congratulations on your appointment. We wish you well in making this a time of Delivery, Unity, Defeat and Energy:

Restored is a Christian Charity with the aim of ending violence against women and we write concerning the proposed Domestic Abuse Bill and to use your words we trust you will;

- **Deliver** on the Domestic Abuse Bill as a matter of urgency
- **Unite** the country so that domestic abuse is a criminal offence across all sectors of society
- **Defeat** the scourge of domestic abuse in the UK
- **Energise** your Cabinet Ministers to both move the bill forward and ratify the Istanbul Convention.

This is the DUDE that we hope you will be for Restored.

Restored has been working with churches and church leaders in the UK and globally to end domestic abuse, providing training and resources to educate and raise awareness. We have produced free

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packs for churches on how to respond appropriately and effectively (over 10,000 copies distributed). We recently published a handbook for Christian female Survivors of Domestic Abuse, the first of its kind in the UK. We believe that all domestic abuse is a crime and must stop and cannot be justified by faith, culture, scriptures or tradition. As your predecessor Rt Hon Theresa May stated in her final PMQs in a response to Helen Grant, MP, domestic abuse is 'not just "a domestic"'.

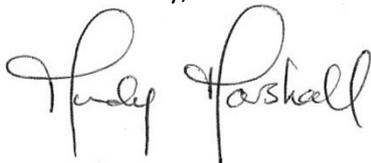
In your rallying address to the nation outside No 10 as you took office as Prime Minister you said you would be, 'answering at last the plea of the forgotten people'. At Restored we believe some of those 'forgotten people' are the victims and survivors of domestic abuse. Women who are silenced, shamed and stigmatised across our nations.

We would ask that as you build your team and focus on the important issues for your first 100 days in office, that priority is given to the Domestic Abuse Bill and parliamentary time is scheduled for debate. We would also ask for the inclusion of faith groups in the response to the bill as the consultation response is mostly faith blind. With a church, or place of faith, in nearly every community across the UK, who can shape attitudes and behaviours, we would urge you to see that faith is included in the response to domestic abuse and can be part of the solution for victims and survivors.

We would be pleased to meet and brief you, your team or any member of your government that would be appropriate, on the vital work we are undertaking in this area to change attitudes and equip churches to respond.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, Home Office Minister

Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP, Minister for Women and Equalities

Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg, Leader of the House