



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Prime Minister

It is with real sadness that I write to tender my resignation from HM Government.

I have been honoured to serve in a number of roles within government over the past few years, most recently as the Minister for Housing. This is a role, although having only been in post for six months, I have enjoyed immensely and I'm grateful to have been supported by a superb team, both in my private office and the wider civil service, within the department. It is good that housing is now so high on the political agenda and I wish my successor well and offer my apologies to the sector who will have to get to know yet another housing minister, but I should commend all of them and those in local government who are doing so much to address the housing needs of our country.

There is so much you have achieved and which I admire. Brexit led to a complete stalemate in Parliament and your leadership in resolving that was no mean feat but you managed it following a hugely successful general election. The pandemic followed, and the swift financial response provided to so many households gave the reassurance they needed at an incredibly worrying time and the rollout of the vaccine enabled our country to get back to work with confidence. Now we face a proud independent country being threatened by an aggressive neighbour and again your response to the situation has been excellent.

Loyalty and unity are traits that I have always endeavoured to provide for our great party. However, I fear I have let these override my judgement recently. There comes a time when you have to look at your own personal integrity and that time is now. Therefore, given recent events I have no other choice than to resign.

Our party, particularly our members and more importantly our great country, deserve better. Having a marginal seat I have seen the huge sacrifice our members make in volunteering considerable hours to campaign on our behalf and I cannot, in all good conscience, tolerate them having to defend the indefensible.

I pledge to do all I can to serve my constituents in Pudsey, Horsforth and Aireborough from the backbenches.

Yours

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