

The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP  
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Ministry of Justice  
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Dear Ms Truss,

Congratulations on your appointment to the pivotal role of Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice.

The prison reform agenda of the last year has gained extraordinary momentum. For the first time in a generation, we have an agenda for reform which broadly unites prison governors, charities and campaigners. This progressive approach will deliver local accountability, build job prospects, cut prisoner numbers, lift the aspirations of prison officers and put education and rehabilitation at the heart of our justice system.

While we wait for the specifics of the autumn's Prison Reform White Paper, a system built on these principles would be one Britain can be proud of.

You have been given the opportunity to transform the future prospects of prisoners, the efficacy of prisons, protect the public and respect victims. We urge you to build on from the past year, listen to frontline experts and people who have been through the system themselves, and continue with these essential reforms.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

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