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*Dear Linda,*

Thank you so much for writing to me following my election as Leader of the Conservative & Unionist Party. It is a huge honour to have been elected as Leader of our great Party and to have taken office as Prime Minister. I deeply value and appreciate your support.

We are leaving the European Union by 31 October 2019, come what may, no “ifs” or “buts”. This will restore trust in our democracy. We want a new deal, a great deal: a deal that will abolish the anti-democratic backstop, maximise the opportunities of Brexit and develop a fresh and exciting partnership with the EU. We are working for this deal with enthusiasm in a spirit of friendship. We will also be prepared – whatever the circumstances – to leave on that date with no deal.

My job is to serve the people of this country, taking decisions to make real change now: no more inertia, no more uncertainty. We are recruiting more than 20,000 new police officers and extending their powers, making our streets safer. We are injecting £1.8bn into the NHS – including to upgrade hospitals – and £250 million for Artificial Intelligence, and we are making sure existing cash gets to the front line to reduce waiting times. We will give every child more guaranteed minimum funding wherever their school. Finally, we are strengthening the ‘awesome foursome’ of our Union with an unmatched programme of investment.

Everywhere we are levelling up opportunity by investing in infrastructure, education and technology. Nowhere will be untouched as we close the opportunity gap, renew our self-confidence and return to the spirit of optimism that is the hallmark of this extraordinary country.

This is our natural and historic role: an enterprising, outward-looking and truly global United Kingdom, leading the world in science, business, academia and the arts with a high wage, low tax economy. I am full of optimism for the future – and I am very grateful for your support for our Party.

