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Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing to you as UK survivors of childhood sexual violence and as members of the survivor-led Brave Movement. Our movement began this year and is growing rapidly worldwide.

Many congratulations on your new role. We know you have a huge amount on your plate, but we also know that you have been an invaluable champion of ending childhood sexual violence.

In the UK, survivors came together for the first time this year to draft the attached National Call to Action with 12 requests to the UK Government to drive forward Prevention, Healing, and Justice policies and programs. In the coming weeks and months there will be several critical opportunities to take forward progress on these issues, including within the Online Safety Bill, and the launch of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. We urge you to drive this agenda forward boldly and without delay.

The UK, and you personally, has been a leader on this issue internationally. In 2021 under the UK Presidency of the G7, G7 Home and Interior Ministers made important commitments on child sexual abuse. The UK sherpa team, who we have worked closely with, made sure that these commitments were echoed by G7 leaders in Germany in June and that G7 leaders instructed Home and Interior ministers to take this agenda forward when they meet this November.

We urge you to continue this British leadership and to ask your G7 sherpas and the Home Secretary to use the next meeting of the G7 Interior Ministers this Autumn to move the G7 commitments from positive words to bold concrete actions. We have attached our suggested Communiqué language which does just that.

We also thank you for the UK's leading contribution to the End Violence Fund, and we urge you to scale this up rapidly and to encourage other Governments to do so as well.

We humbly request that you take the time to meet with survivors of childhood sexual violence from across the UK in the coming weeks. We would be delighted to form such a delegation. Indeed we ask you to consider creating a government-supported UK Survivors Council to engage with the Government and inform policy on an ongoing basis, as is the case with the German government. In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could connect us with the appropriate person for us to engage with in the Downing Street team.

Very best wishes for your first days in the most important job in the country.

Yours faithfully,

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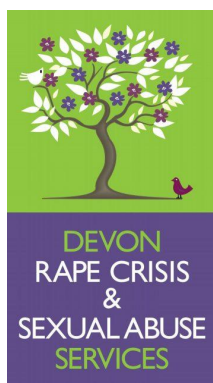
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