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Dear Mark

We are very grateful for the work local authorities and the Local Government Association (LGA) have done so far to ensure that residents of tower blocks are safe and feel safe.

We have been working with local authorities to identify private sector residential buildings over 18m with potentially unsafe Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding. To support this, the Government will provide further financial support totalling £1 million to assist the most affected local authorities in identifying these buildings. We will work to create a fair distribution of payments that is targeted at the local authorities with the most private high rise residential buildings in their areas.

In addition, we are also taking steps to support local authorities in taking further action where cladding constitutes a hazard. We are progressing work on issuing a statutory direction as to local authorities' reviews of housing conditions in their area, in respect of cladding-related issues. We are also working to publish additional statutory operating guidance to support local authorities in conducting hazard inspections and issuing enforcement notices.

I look forward to engaging with you on these changes over the coming weeks, including at an event for all affected local authorities on 6 March which will also provide an opportunity for local authorities to share best practice.

Thank you again for your commitment to this important work.

Yours sincerely,

Tamara Finkelstein
Director General for the Building Safety Programme