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Dear Prime Minister,

Congratulations on your appointment. We very much welcome the commitment in your first speech as Prime Minister to resolve the crisis in social care once and for all and we are ready to support you and your administration to deliver this.

Health for Care is a coalition of national health organisations, led by the NHS Confederation, who have joined forces to make the case for a sustainable social care system. Together with those working in social care, we would be keen to meet you as soon as possible to address this urgent issue.

The general public is deeply concerned by the crisis in care. There are more than 150,000 signatures on our petition – the largest of its kind – calling for urgent government action to address the issue. They are joined today by 73 health leaders who have co-signed this letter.

Around 1.4 million older people in England cannot access the support they need. There are 850,000 people in the UK living with dementia – a figure that will increase to more than one million by 2025. But it's not just older people, as local authorities now spend nearly as much on social care for working-age adults who are increasingly in need of support. There are also over 5.4 million unpaid carers across the country, and half of all homeowners are not confident of having enough money to fund their own care, even if they sell their home.

Previous efforts to reform social care by successive administrations have failed, but we believe a consensus is emerging on the need to act, and that with political will and determination, this time it could be different.

Given the urgency of this matter, we would welcome a meeting soon to discuss how we can support your efforts to deliver reform.

Yours sincerely

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