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Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP
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Dear Chancellor,

London's voluntary sector is one of the cornerstones of our capital city and is made up of more than 120,000 voluntary organisations, large and small. Our 3.5 million volunteers and 250,000 employees give Londoners from all walks of life the help they need to rise above difficult circumstances and make the very best of their lives.

Today we are writing to you to express serious concern about the strain on London's local public services. We cannot stand by while millions of Londoners, including our own beneficiaries, are impacted by over-stretched and under-funded public services.

The 63% reduction to core funding that London boroughs have experienced since 2010, lack of local powers and additional unfunded responsibilities have left London boroughs struggling to maintain the important services they provide to a growing number of residents.

London's population has increased by almost 1 million people since 2010. During this time the number of children in London with Education, Health and Care Plans, an indicator that a child has additional needs, increased by 48%. There has also been an increase in the number of homeless people assessed as having priority needs in London - a rise of 52% since 2010 - and the number of people aged 65 and over living in the capital has increased by 18%. Between 2011 and 2018, there was a 63% increase in the number of domestic abuse offences recorded in the capital.

London boroughs' precarious situation has rippled out to affect the capital's voluntary sector and the people we work with. It has reduced boroughs' capacity to support charities and voluntary groups, but more crucially, it has led a larger number of Londoners to turn to the voluntary sector with more severe and complex needs.

We are therefore asking you to prioritise greater investment in local public services at the next Spending Review, which ultimately means a fair settlement for London's councils. Investment in local public services to support London's growing population and meet growing levels of deprivation will ensure that London's public and voluntary sectors can continue to support vulnerable Londoners for years to come.

This will enable the voluntary sector to focus on what we do best - specialise in supporting and advocating for Londoners with specific needs.

A failure to get this right will have a knock-on impact on the NHS, criminal justice and homelessness.

We hope you recognise the importance and urgency of the situation and will address this in the Spending Review and any changes to the local government funding formula as a result of "Fair Funding".

I very much look forward to hearing from you on the return address provided.

Yours sincerely



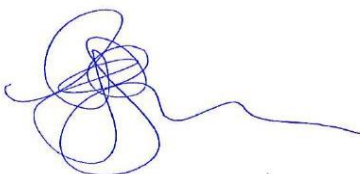
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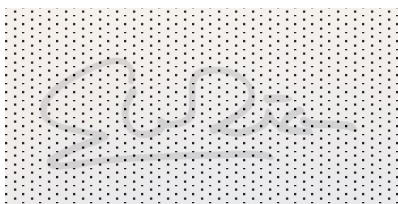
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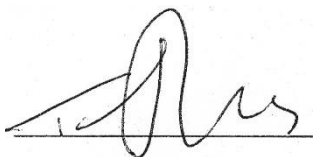
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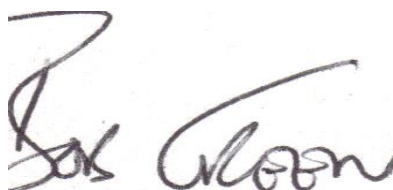
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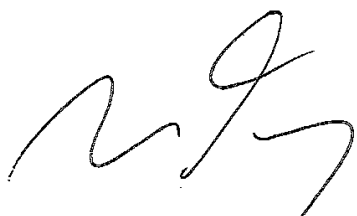


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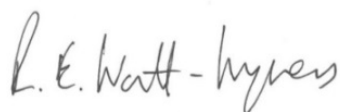


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