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Dear Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Minister for Women and Equalities,

SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS SPORT

Grassroots sport is at the heart of almost every community in the UK. Each day, in thousands of locations, an army of players, coaches and other volunteers of every age come together to get physically active.

Over the last few years we have seen an increase in the growth of womens' sport meaning that more women and girls up and down the country are having the benefits of being physically active and at the same time being part of a community, learning new skills and helping others to do the same.

This growth has not happened by accident we know more now than we have ever known about what motivates women to get active and both government and sports are using that insight to make sure they are delivering what women and girls want, where they want it.

The profile of elite women's sport is on the rise too. Recent successes in rugby and cricket, bode well for the Womens' World Cups in Hockey, Netball and Cricket that we are hosting over the next four years. They will provide fantastic show cases not only for our best sportswomen, but also to encourage more women and girls to be inspired to get active.

All of this of course takes investment and commitment. National Governing Bodies recognize the importance of increasing participation amongst women and girls and are committed to continuing to find more ways to get more women and girls engaged.



The funding your Government makes in community sport, particularly for women, is highly prized by participants up and down the sporting pyramid and we ask that you continue your support for this into the future so that we can collectively build on the success to date.

Yours sincerely,

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