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Dear Dr John Hayward and the CPF team,

I am grateful to have received the CPF report on 'Making The Case for Freedom', a tremendously thoughtful review which covers much ground from personal responsibility to government policy. This report didn't just focus on how government policy can affect personal privilege and the freedoms of groups and countries, but also researched how it is that individuals can provide themselves opportunities to engage in acts of freedom.

I found your comments on youth engagement particularly insightful, specifically the comments on what would be best taught in schools. It seems many agree that teaching children the importance and value of freedom and democracy gives young people the ability to think with autonomy. This will give them not only a better understanding of the country they live in, but a better understanding of themselves and their place within it. Further, with young adults, providing them with a safe and secure place of education, such as university or college, is vital to encourage their creativity and passions.

Freedom means so much more than the ability to vote. Freedom is what drives growth and ingenuity. It allows us to have further business investment, as well as control over our trade and commerce. It creates a country where everyone has access to work in all fields, and where we encourage underrepresented groups to achieve what may have previously seemed impossible. It allows us to mitigate, when necessary, against malicious factors, and protect the most vulnerable in our society.

It was also interesting to read the CPFs comments on our responsibilities as a free nation, and how we must not be complacent in the face of freedom. Neglect of our rights to freedom, or a lack of active protection, leaves freedom at risk. That is why we pride ourselves on being a democratically elected government that works for the people. Where the citizens of our great nation can hold its governing body to account, can play a part in national and local government, as well as contribute to formative policy forums such as the CPF.

Thank you for utilizing one of your freedoms and contributing to this fantastic report. I look forward to reading further comments on fundamental Conservative values such as this.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Greg Hands MP
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