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Dear Dr John Hayward and the CPF team,

I am delighted to have received another insightful and thought-provoking report from the Conservative Policy Forum, entitled 'Making the case for Responsibility'. It is always encouraging to read the memberships' thoughts on core Conservative values and how we can maintain their influence within our Policies and actions. This is a particularly pertinent conversation, as we draw ever closer to a General Election. It is important we continue to remind ourselves what it means to be a Conservative, and how it is that Conservatives can continue to deliver for the country and its residents.

Reading through this report, there are some tremendously intelligent suggestions that I will be sure to take forward, as well as share with the policy unit in Downing Street. I found the discussions on how we can establish best practice from the ground up, by providing the best education for our young people in schools, particularly positive. Further, I agree that our awareness of our public services, how they are used and where we enhance their effectiveness, is of the upmost importance.

The discussions presented in this report have come at a great time for the Conservative Party. We have had quite the tumultuous few years, and as such we have seen increased support and intervention from Government. This was always supposed to be a temporary measure, as such financial support is not a sustainable long-term practice. One of our five priorities is to Reduce the Debt so we can secure the future of public services. By reducing the temporary support measures, we can redirect funding back into our vital services. In fact, we are already doing so, with record funding for our NHS, as well as extending the 30 hours of government backed childcare provision over the next two years for children over 9 months.

We hope you can see that the Conservative Party's priorities mirror those presented in this edition of the CPF report. I look forward to seeing further engagement with our grassroots volunteers and encourage all to continually reinforce their thinking on why they are a Conservative.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Greg Hands MP
Chairman of the Conservative Party