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Dear Lisa,

Thank you for your letter of 13 July and for your kind words about my appointment as Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union.

I am pleased to join the Department at this vital time and look forward to the work ahead. I am committed to delivering a successful exit from the EU. One that delivers a deal that is good for the UK and the EU, whilst remaining faithful to the referendum result.

The whole of Government is working hard to ensure the UK can fully seize the opportunities offered by withdrawing from the EU. Leaving the EU will allow us to establish new and fruitful trade deals with the rest of the world, take back control of our borders, and return decision making powers to the UK. Now that the White Paper has been published, we must move at pace to negotiate with the EU to deliver a prosperous and secure future for all sides.

I am confident that we can achieve these aims, whilst safeguarding citizens rights' and giving people and businesses certainty and confidence as we plan for the future.

I recognise the important role that the Civil Service Pensioners' Council has to play in the future of our valued Public Servants, as the Government works to achieve a smooth and successful exit from the EU for all our citizens.

My officials and I look forward to continuing our work with you as EU exit negotiations progress over coming months.

RT HON DOMINIC RAAB MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION