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Dear Andy,

INDEPENDENT SENTENCING REVIEW

I am writing to update you on the Independent Sentencing Review that was officially launched on the 22 October 2024. The Review has been tasked with providing long term solutions for our justice system and will look at a comprehensive re-evaluation of our sentencing framework.

I appointed the Chair to the review in October 2024, the Rt. Hon. David Gauke, and I have now finished appointing the Panel for the review who will support the Chair in this important work. The Panel members are as follows: Lord Ian Burnett; Inspector Catherine Larsen; Sir Peter Lewis; Nicola Padfield KC (Hon); Andrea Simon and Michael Spurr. The Panel have been selected due to their diverse range of expertise across the Criminal Justice System.

Alongside the announcement of the Panel, the Independent Review will also launch a Call for Evidence. This will support their work to develop recommendations to ensure the Government is never again forced into a position where the country has more prisoners than prison places. We must make sure there are always enough cells to lock up dangerous offenders.

I will deposit a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON SHABANA MAHMOOD MP

LORD CHANCELLOR AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR JUSTICE