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Dear Prime Minister,

Further to your appearance at the Liaison Committee on 16 September, I am writing to provide you with a copy of the Petitions Committee's report on the impact of Covid-19 on maternity and parental leave.

During 'People's PMQs' on 10 July, you committed to Bethany Jade, one of the more than 237,000 people to have signed a petition to extend maternity leave in light of Covid-19, that you would read our report (<https://youtu.be/8i5wPFiYu7U>). On behalf of everyone who signed this petition, and the tens of thousands of people who have contacted us with their personal experiences of parenthood during this difficult time, I would be grateful if you would personally consider the Committee's recommendations, and the Government's refusal so far to make any of the urgent and necessary changes that we have recommended, and provide the Committee with your response.

A copy of our report is attached and is also available on the Petitions Committee website at:
<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5801/cmselect/cm petitions/526/52602.htm>.

I would be grateful for your response by the 1st October to ensure it informs the debate that we intend to hold on the 5th October in Westminster Hall.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee