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Chair of the Business and Trade Committee  
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Dear Mr Byrne,

### Oral Evidence Session – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Following the Select Committee hearing on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, a number of media reports, and your interview on Channel 4 News on Sunday evening, I wanted to clarify in writing my negative response to your question during the Panel: “Have you ever tried to resign as chief executive of the Post Office?”

To reiterate the response I gave on the 27<sup>th</sup>, I have never tried to resign. Nor have I ever issued a resignation letter or resigned verbally. Like many people in highly complex roles like this one, I have suffered frustrations – many CEOs have conversations privately with appropriate people in their organisation and I am no different. However, I remain here completely committed to doing the vitally important work to support Postmasters and transform the Post Office.

My evidence to your Select Committee was in no way intended to cause any confusion. I remain absolutely focused on supporting the government’s delivery of faster justice and redress for the victims of the terrible Horizon scandal, serving the Postmasters of today, and changing the culture of the business.

Elsewhere, I know my colleagues are liaising with the Clerks of the Committee with regard to the investigation information you have requested, and I hope this will reach a satisfactory conclusion shortly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Read". Below the signature is a simple horizontal line.

**Nick Read**  
Chief Executive, Post Office Limited