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Andrew Stephenson MP
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Dear Minister,

We are writing to follow up on the debate on e-petitions 323926 and 575620 relating to road traffic offences for fatal collisions, which as you know took place on Monday 15 November. We'd like to start by thanking you for your response to the debate.

Ahead of leading the debate, Christina met with the petitioners and their families. We have been moved by their powerful stories and their tireless campaigning. While we hope that they felt their experiences were represented during the debate, we believe it is vital that policymakers meet with people directly affected by the policies that they oversee, especially in cases as devastating as these, and learn from their first-hand experiences.

During the debate you said the Department for Transport is currently seeking external views to aid its consideration of parts of the Road Traffic Act as part of a wider call for evidence on road traffic matters. We welcome this commitment to involve the public in its review, and we'd like to invite you to meet directly with the people who started the petitions that were debated on 15 November, their families, and Christina to help inform this work.

As you rightly acknowledged, this an area where officials in the Department for Transport and Ministers must ensure that any changes to the law are done correctly. We're sure that you'll agree that meeting with petitioners who are campaigning for changes to road traffic legislation will be an important step towards this.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee

Christina Rees MP
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