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Mr Clive Betts MP
Chair, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Re: Building Safety, Remediation and Funding

Dear Mr Betts:

Thank you again for the invitation to recently provide the Committee oral evidence. I appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate our sector's support for helping fix the crisis involving leaseholders and cladding remediation, whilst highlighting our concerns about some aspects of the recent proposals put forward by Government. I would like to follow-up on two points where the Committee wanted clarification.

First, I pointed out that there are some companies absent from our membership that are critical to the issues going forward (Q5 and Q6). To clarify, that includes sector specific trade organisations such as the Insulated Cladding and Rendering Association, to individual manufacturing companies identified in the course of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry such as the division of Arconic whose products were supplied into that project. To be fair, we have endeavoured to work with members and non-members alike on this issue, and are pleased that Arconic has since contacted us for that purpose.

Second, we were asked (Q26) about the estimated cost to our industry of contributing remediation costs. At this point in time, with regular meetings with DLUHC's Residents' Voice and Levy Team ongoing, we have not yet clarified the scope or mechanism for the funding required. Ultimately, we believe the cost to manufacturers should be proportionate to the evidence of "problematic materials" (in the Department's words) found on those affected buildings.

I must also point out that estimates for the work undertaken in our sector since the Grenfell tragedy, in regards to industry reforms, competence, digitalisation, preparation for the new regulatory framework, and product information (including development and implementation of the [Code for Construction Product Information](#) and the [Building a Safer Future Charter](#)) would likely run into several million pounds and thousands of hours.

We would be pleased to help you and your colleagues further with any of these points or indeed any other information that you think would be useful.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



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