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Dear Mr Betts MP,

Thank you for inviting me to provide evidence to the Select Committee on 2 February 2022 in support of the committee's inquiry into building safety: remediation and funding.

In addition to the oral and written evidence I have provided on behalf of the G15 – the group of London's largest not-for-profit housing associations who collectively provide one in ten homes in the capital and over 650,000 homes across the country - I wanted to provide some further information regarding the scale of investment members are making in tackling the building safety crisis.

As I stated when providing evidence to the committee, it is essential that leaseholders are protected from significant costs for works to their homes.

Social housing residents must also not be left to shoulder the burden of this crisis, which has been caused by constructors, product manufacturers and the regulatory system. Alongside ensuring those responsible for this crisis meet the costs of fixing it, restoring proportionality to the system is vital.

The safety of our residents will always be our number one priority. Since the tragic Grenfell Tower fire, we have taken action to address buildings that pose significant risks.

Members have already spent approximately £455m on this essential activity and works since 2019. This is in addition to the almost £900m annual investment we make to ensure our residents' homes are safe and well maintained, and the more than 440,000 gas and electricity safety checks we conduct every year.

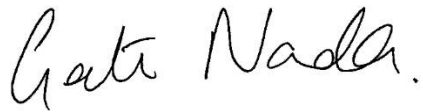
Collectively, the G15 are forecasting to spend a further £3.6bn on building safety works and activity between 2021 and 2036.

This programme of work covers approximately 4,208* buildings, including 688 buildings above 18m in height, and 3,260 buildings below 18m. Please note that one member was not able to provide information on the different heights of buildings in its programme.



I hope that this additional information is helpful to you and the committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,



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*Building safety programmes for all G15 members are subject to ongoing review and are therefore likely to continue to move over time. This is also influenced by changes to government guidance, and the approach of groups such as insurers, RICS, the Fire Service, Fire Engineers, and others.