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Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for
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Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing regarding the Government's failure to respond to e-petition [604509](#), entitled "Create a 'National Sleep Strategy' to end child bed poverty".

The standards for responding to e-petitions, which have been agreed between the Petitions Committee and Leader of the House, state that Government responses should be provided within 14 days and no later than 21 days.

A response to this petition was first requested on 24 January. Despite repeated requests, the Government's response is now over four weeks late.

Petitioners are entitled to a response from the Government when their petition receives over 10,000 signatures, and this should be provided in a timely fashion. I am sure you will agree that the delay in responding to this petition is not acceptable.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Government's response to this petition, and an explanation for the delay in responding, by no later than Wednesday 23 March.

I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee