



# Home Office

## HOME SECRETARY

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Dear Chief Constable,

The violence and disorder we have seen in towns and cities across England has appalled the whole country but, thanks to your bravery, order has been restored.

In doing so, you displayed the courage and professionalism that make our police forces renowned around the world. I want to thank you for your work and send my best wishes to those of you who suffered injuries. I am very grateful for the hard work and long hours you have put in and I know the impact that this has had on you and your families.

Yesterday, I told Parliament that you are the best police officers in the world and, for once, the whole House of Commons was in agreement – we owe you a debt of gratitude.

**The Rt Hon Theresa May MP**