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Dear Mike,

RE: PRIME MINISTER'S CHALLENGE ON DEMENTIA

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your leadership, support and commitment over the past three years in helping to champion and implement the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia. I hope you will agree that while there is more to do, significant progress has been made over the past three years in raising awareness and understanding of dementia, improving care and support and boosting dementia research. Your determination to improve the lives of people with dementia and of their carers and families, has driven a step change in responding to dementia and provides a solid platform on which together we can build for the future.

I am delighted that on 21 February the Prime Minister announced that the ambition of achieving one million Dementia Friends by March 2015 had been exceeded. He also launched his Challenge on Dementia 2020, which sets a bold ambition that by 2020 England is the best country in the world for dementia care and support and for people with dementia, their carers and families to live and; the best place in the world to undertake research into dementia and other neurodegenerative diseases. I know that many individuals and organisations were involved in informing the development of the new Challenge and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your engagement and contributions.

I look forward to seeing progress on the implementation of the new Challenge - together we can make a positive and lasting difference to the lives of all those affected by dementia.

Yours sincerely,

JEREMY HUNT