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The Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP
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Dear Nicky

Business Productivity Review: Call for evidence

Raising productivity is a key priority for the Government and is core to the UK's Industrial Strategy.

The Government announced in the Industrial Strategy White Paper that it would launch a review to explore the actions that could be most effective in improving the productivity and growth of businesses, including how to diffuse the best practice of our most productive firms.

We are writing to inform you that, as part of this review, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Business Secretary yesterday launched a Call for Evidence to build the Government's understanding of how firm-level interventions, both public and private sector led, can support growth and improve productivity for the long tail of low productivity businesses.

We want to understand what is holding businesses back and we are seeking views on what business and Government can do to help them realise their potential. The Call for Evidence asks how we can encourage business-to-business learning; how to facilitate the uptake of management practices and new-to-firm technologies; and how, working with a range of private sector actors, our current framework for supporting UK business can be improved.

Alongside the Call for Evidence we are undertaking extensive stakeholder engagement, utilising a range of platforms, to engage with a broad cross section of businesses.

The outputs of the review will be used to help inform the next steps on delivery of the Industrial Strategy. It will present evidence and propose deliverable interventions and policies that have

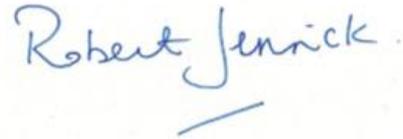
the potential to increase productivity in underperforming UK businesses. The Government will report on the progress of the review in the Autumn.

We are copying this letter to Rachel Reeves MP, Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee.

Yours sincerely

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