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The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP
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Dear Prime Minister,

This year Paris will host the 2024 Paralympic Games, which we anticipate to be a fantastic celebration of Paralympic sport with, we hope, a strong representation from ParalympicsGB athletes and a global focus on improving the lives of disabled people across the world. We have been proud as a nation of our history as the birthplace of the Paralympic Games and in our approach to inclusion and disability policy.

As such, I am writing to express our deep concern about your Government's decision not to appoint a dedicated minister of state for disabled people during your reshuffle last month.

The new sport strategy, Get Active, promised an ambitious approach to get the nation moving, whilst the Disability Action Plan centred on your ambition to make this country the most accessible place in the world for disabled people to live, work and thrive.

As we enter this Paralympic year, your Government has a unique opportunity to deliver on these promises, with the chance to shine a spotlight on disability sport to help promote equal opportunities for disabled people across our society.

We are concerned that the lack of a senior role within Government sends the message to the 16 million disabled people in this country that they do not have a voice at the top level of government. It is so important that disabled people are valued for the important role that they play across our society.

As the National Paralympic Committee for Great Britain, we believe it is our responsibility not only to take a best prepared ParalympicsGB team to Paralympic Games, but also to use sport to drive social change to create an environment where all disabled people can thrive.





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And so, as we go into this Paralympic year, we, alongside 56 partners from across the UK's sport and activity community, strongly encourage you to reconsider your decision and reinstate the role of Minister of State for Disabled People.

I would be delighted to meet with you and your team to discuss this matter further.

Yours Sincerely,

David Clarke
Chief Executive
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Signed by partners from the UK's sport and activity community:

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