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Dear Francis,

We are writing to thank you for the integral role you are playing in supporting the passage of the Public Services (Social Enterprise and Social Value) Bill.

As you are aware, the social enterprise sector has long campaigned for public sector commissioning to take account of social value. We firmly believe that transforming procurement and commissioning is the best way to deliver effective and efficient public services, and if passed into legislation, the Bill will play a key role in enabling social enterprises and small businesses in general to deliver the Big Society vision. It will also help SMEs, the backbone of the country's economy, to access public sector markets and help meet the Government's ambition for 25% of public contracts to be awarded to SMEs.

We recognise that the first year of a new Government results in a very busy legislative calendar. However, given the importance that social enterprises and civil society organisations place on this piece of legislation, we would urge you to actively do all you can to support the Bill's journey towards becoming legislation.

We very much look forward to working with you to help realise the Big Society vision and thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Holbrook".

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