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Dear Home Secretary

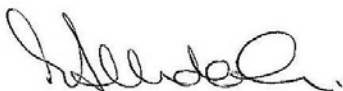
**HMIC Inspection – ‘An inspection of undercover policing in England and Wales’**

Further to the publication of the HMIC report into the effectiveness of the arrangements in place in all police forces to carry out, manage and scrutinise undercover operations.

I am pleased that the inspection found that, in general terms, undercover police officers carry out their roles professionally and courageously. This area of police work is extremely complex but HMIC are right to identify it as a vital component in keeping our communities safe.

As with any area of policing however, there are always improvements that can be made and I note the recommendations that HMIC have set out in their report. I have asked the Chief Constable to update me on the recommendations and improvements that are required and I will be monitoring this area to ensure compliance.

Yours sincerely



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