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Dear Secretary of State,

We, as football supporter organisations representing fans of clubs throughout the country, are writing to congratulate you on your appointment to the Cabinet as Secretary of State for Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

While we appreciate that your portfolio is wide ranging, we wanted to take an early opportunity to reiterate our appreciation for the work done so far by the Government in establishing the manifesto commitment of a fan led review of football governance, and the interim report which was submitted to your predecessor by Tracey Crouch MP in July.

That interim report highlighted a number of issues where there is a need for reform of the way in which football is governed, to enhance and protect football clubs from rogue owners and bad decisions, including significantly the need for independent regulation to be introduced as a priority.

When some clubs sought to establish a European Super League earlier this year, the Prime Minister rightly identified the need for, in his words, a "legislative bomb".

The Prime Minister outlined his worry that the European Super League "would have taken clubs that take their names from English towns and cities and turn them just into global brands with no relation to the fans, to the communities, that gave them life and that give them the most love and support".

Football clubs are at the heart of their communities, cultural institutions which bring a sense of identity, pride and belonging for millions of people every week. They deserve protection. As the Rt Hon Oliver Dowden said, "Football is as much part of our national heritage as our great stately homes, our galleries, our museums out our theatres, our cathedrals, and we as a government will do whatever it takes to step up to protect it."

We know that you will receive the final report from Tracey Crouch MP later this year, and would urge you to retain the commitment to independent regulation.

We look forward to our upcoming meeting and will be delighted to discuss this and wider issues of interest and concern to supporters which are within your new responsibilities.

Your sincerely,  
The Football Supporters' Association

**Co-signed by:**

- 100yearsofcoconuts (Cambridge United)
- AISA (Arsenal Independent Supporters Association)
- Arsenal Supporters Trust
- Aston Villa Disabled Supporters Association
- Aston Villa Women Supporters' Club
- AVFC Faithful (Aston Villa)
- Barnsley Supporters' Trust
- Billericay Town Supporters Society
- Birmingham City Women Supporters Group
- Blue Union (Everton)
- Bluebirds Trust (Barrow AFC)
- Blues Trust (Birmingham City)
- Brentford Independent Supporters Association
- Bristol City Supporters Club & Trust
- Burnley FC Supporters Groups
- Bury AFC
- Cambridge Fans United
- Canaries Trust (Norwich City)
- Cardiff City Supporters Club
- Cards Trust (Woking)
- Charlton Supporters Society Limited
- Chelsea Supporters' Trust
- Chelsea Women Supporters Group
- Cherries Trust (AFC Bournemouth)
- Chesham United Supporters Trust
- Clarets Trust (Burnley)
- Crawley Town Supporters Alliance
- Crystal Palace Supporters' Trust
- Darlington FC Supporters Group
- Dulwich Hamlet Supporters' Trust

- Everton Fans' Forum
- Exeter City Supporters Trust
- FC United of Manchester
- Forces2Canaries (Norwich City)
- Foxes Trust (Leicester City Supporters Trust)
- Fulham Supporters Trust
- Gloucester City AFC Supporters Trust
- Golden Pages Fanzine (Watford)
- Grays Athletic Community Football Club
- Hammers United (West Ham United)
- Hartlepool United Supporters Trust
- Hereford United Supporters' Trust
- Hull City Supporters Trust
- Lady Imps Supporters Association (Lincoln City)
- Leeds United Supporters Club
- Leeds United Supporters' Trust
- Leyton Orient Fans' Trust
- LGBeTs Brentford
- Liverpool Disabled Supporters Association
- Liverpool Women Supporters Club
- Love Football Hate Racism
- Luton Town Supporters' Trust
- Manchester City Official Supporters Club
- Manchester City Women Official Supporters Club
- Manchester United Supporters Trust (MUST)
- Manchester United Women' Supporters Club
- Merthyr Town FC Society
- Middlesbrough Supporters Forum
- Millwall Supporters' Club
- My Old Man Said (Aston Villa)
- Newcastle United Supporters Trust
- Northampton Town Supporters Trust
- Nottingham Forest Supporters Club
- Nottingham Forest Supporters Trust
- Official Accrington Stanley Supporters TRust
- Plymouth Argyle Supporters Association London Branch (PASALB)
- Plymouth Argyle Women Football Team Fans
- Pompey Disabled Supporters' Association (Portsmouth)
- Pompey Independent Supporters Association (Portsmouth)
- Pompey Supporters Trust (Portsmouth)
- Port Vale Supporters Club
- Portsmouth Supporters' Club (Central branch)

- Preston Supporters Collective
- Pride Of Irons (West Ham United)
- Proud Lilywhites (Tottenham Hotspur)
- Punjabi Wolves
- QPR1st Supporters' Trust
- Rainbow Blades (Sheffield United)
- RamsActive (Derby County)
- RamsTrust (Derby County)
- Red & White Army (Sunderland)
- Robins Trust (Cheltenham Town)
- Rochdale Supporters Trust
- Scunthorpe United Supporters Society (Iron Trust)
- Sheffield Wednesday Supporters Trust
- Shrimpers Trust (Southend United)
- Sky Blue Trust (Coventry City)
- Spirit of Shankly (Liverpool)
- STAR - Supporters Trust At Reading
- Stoke City Supporters Club
- Swansea City Supporters' Trust
- Swindon Town Supporters Trust
- Talking Cherries (AFC Bournemouth)
- The Ugly Inside (Southampton)
- Tonbridge Angels FC
- Torquay United Supporters Trust
- Tottenham Hotspur Supporters' Trust
- Trans Pennine Irons (West Ham United)
- Truro Independent Supporters' Association
- Up the Clarets (Burnley)
- View from the Allotment End (North Ferriby fanzine)
- Viking Supporters Cooperative (Doncaster Rovers)
- Watford FC Women Supporters Group
- Watford Supporters' Trust
- West Ham United Independent Supporters Association
- West Ham United WSC
- Weymouth F.C. Supporters' Association
- Wolves 1877 Trust
- Women Of Watford FC
- Worcester City FC
- Wycombe Wanderers Trust
- York City Supporters Society Ltd