



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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The Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Our Ref: HS329118

Dear Prime Minister

We believe that you have made absolutely the right decision to go to the country and we will fight tooth and nail to keep the South West blue.

We are, however, mindful of the pledges that we made in 2015 and remain determined to deliver on them.

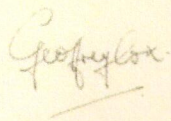
You will be aware of the deep unease of many of us concerning the proposed changes to the education funding formula which will have an adverse impact on many of our historically underfunded schools. We have previously made representations to you, Justine Greening and Nick Gibb about this matter.

As this is certain to be a campaigning issue in our part of the country, and particularly in our newly won seats from the Liberal Democrats, we would ask that everything possible is done to ensure that no school in Devon is worse off as a result of these changes.


The 2015 manifesto made clear that a Conservative administration would introduce a genuinely fair funding formula for our schools. We would ask that this pledge is unequivocally restated in the 2017 manifesto. This will underscore our commitment to our part of the country, which felt ignored and neglected for so many years until these positive pledges were made prior to the successful 2015 General Election.

We all look forward to welcoming you to the South West during the forthcoming campaign and it goes without saying that we wish you the best of luck for the coming weeks.

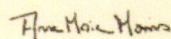
Yours sincerely



Geoffrey Cox MP



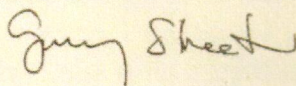
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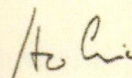
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