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The Rt. Hon. Priti Patel M.P.
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Dear Priti

Migrants Illegally Crossing the English Channel

I am writing to express the disappointment that myself and my constituents share about the ever-increasing number of migrants illegally crossing the English Channel from France to reach the United Kingdom.

Last year I wrote to you on numerous occasions expressing my frustration about how this situation has been allowed to escalate. Yet, once again the numbers continue to surge, and this situation continues to be seemingly out of control.

By July of this year, the number of migrant crossings over the English Channel had already surpassed the total for the entirety of 2020. In recent weeks it has been reported by the B.B.C. that more than 800 migrants crossed the Channel to the U.K. in one single day! This situation is totally unacceptable.

We, as the Conservative Party, must be true to our word in taking the action that is needed to protect our country. The failure to deal with this escalating and out of control situation is losing the government credibility with the people.

I believe that it was the correct decision to work with the French authorities to try and resolve this, however, it is clear that the money that the Home Office is giving them is going to waste. The reports of French boats escorting the migrants across to British waters have proven that they cannot be trusted. We must ensure that the money that we are providing is effectively used to stop the migrants from getting to British waters.

This government was elected on a mandate to control immigration, yet currently, it has not been able to get to grips with the management of our borders.

I fully support the Nationality and Borders Bill which will mean that knowingly arriving in the U.K. without permission will become a new criminal offence and introduce more significant punishments for the human traffickers that enable these dangerous crossings. This proposed overhaul of asylum rules is certainly a welcome step by the Government towards making the most of the promise of Brexit and taking back control of our borders.

However, it is not coming soon enough as an immediate response is needed by the Government. We face a migrant crisis that is already completely out of control and looks as if will only be getting worse. We must crack down on all those who attempt to illegally cross the English Channel to evade the U.K.'s border restrictions and the evil human traffickers that put them on the boats.



I believe that it is vital that the Her Majesty's Government and the Home Office take strong steps to stop this illegal immigration into our country.

I look forward to receiving your response at the earliest opportunity.

My constituents are currently dismayed by all of this, but still have faith that you are the Home Secretary who will tackle and solve this problem once and for all.

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Rosindell". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a horizontal flourish at the end.

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