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Dear [MP's name],

I had wanted to introduce myself as IPSA's new Chair in different circumstances. But, following the appalling murder of Jo Cox MP last week, I am writing to assure you that I am keenly aware of your concerns that improved security is needed for you, your staff and your families.

I know that many of you have also expressed concerns about IPSA's current approach to processing applications for security funding. I recognise that security is at the uppermost in your minds and, to that end, I have asked that we review and accelerate this process as matter of priority, working in partnership with the police and the House of Commons security service.

Our staff are on hand to offer you advice and support, so please do not hesitate to get in touch with your IPSA Account Manager.

We will write to all of you again next week with further information, and I look forward to meeting many of you personally over the coming months.

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Evans
Chairman