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Dear Members of Youth Parliament,

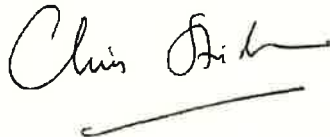
I am sorry I cannot be with you today. I am currently in South Korea representing the UK Government at D5 - the seminal event for global digital governments. This is the event where governments who lead in digital public services come together to drive forward innovation.

Since becoming the Minister for the Constitution I have been hearing a lot about the work you do. I am very impressed with the levels of engagement you are achieving. I understand in this year's Make your Mark ballot you have engaged almost one million young people from across the country. That is an amazing achievement.

One of my favorite things about being an MP is visiting the schools in my constituency and listening to the concerns and ideas of students. In my experience, young people are becoming more and more engaged in subjects such as politics and finance. Already I have been talking to young people across the UK who are engaged in politics including the Youth Parliament in Cardiff. And today, I was discussing democracy on the international stage with students at Busan University.

As one of the youngest Ministers in Government I have a real interest in making sure young people are engaged, registered and participating in the democratic process.

My aim is to create a democracy that works for everyone. I look forward to working with the British Youth Council, the Members of Youth Parliament and others to make it happen.

Yours sincerely,


CHRIS SKIDMORE MP