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Rt Hon Justine Greening MP
Secretary of State for Education
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Ministerial and Public Communications Division
Piccadilly Gate, Store Street
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Dear Justine,

Re: Education funding for 16-19 year olds

I keep in close contact with the further education colleges serving young people in my constituency of Camberwell and Peckham and last month I met with the Principal and Chief Executive of Lewisham Southwark College, Carole Kitching.

Carole told me that she and many of her colleagues who lead colleges across England are concerned about education funding for 16-19 year olds, in particular that the national funding rate for 16-18 education has stayed the same since 2013 while colleges are struggling to maintain the breadth of curriculum and training available to students and pay their teachers a decent salary.

I enclose a copy of a letter sent to the Prime Minister from principals and chairs of governors from colleges across England outlining their concerns.

There is the opportunity to remedy this in the Government's forthcoming budget. I hope that you will support their arguments.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harriet Harman".

Harriet Harman