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Dear Minister

### **Fire Suppression Systems**

The South East Regional Management Board has asked me to write to you following earlier correspondence between the previous Fire Minister, Shahid Malik, and ourselves on the future use of sprinklers. We note comments made during your Ministerial speech at the recent FIRE conference in Harrogate whereby you outlined the coalition's position on future fire suppression legislation.

The South East Regional Management Board supports the position of the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) on seeking to legislate to require the installation of suppression systems in future builds and we will continue to lobby in order to maintain a high profile.

We are hope you are enjoying your new role. There is a standing invitation to attend future South East RMB meetings where we would be able to demonstrate how efficiencies have been delivered throughout the south east via our Improvement Partnership and collaborative approaches.

Yours sincerely

**Cllr Judith Heathcoat**

*Chairman - South East Fire & Rescue Services' Regional Management Board*