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Rt. Hon. Esther McVey MP  
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Dear Minister

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister for Housing.

Electrical Safety First is the UK's consumer charity dedicated to preventing deaths, injuries and damage caused by electricity. We continue to have a close working relationship with your officials in developing the policy to bring forward mandatory electrical safety checks for tenants in the Private Rented Sector.

As you will be aware, the Government made a commitment to bring forward these regulations in January 2019. However, we have yet to see the regulation brought forward to be enacted in Parliament. The recent tragic case of Mr John Alliston shows the need for urgency to protect vulnerable people who live in the private rented sector, whose homes may have never received an electrical safety check.

I do hope as the new Minister you will announce a further commitment to regulate for mandatory electrical safety checks in the private rented sector and, given the Grenfell tragedy, the social rented sector too. In bringing the regulation into Parliament during the Autumn it will help protect the many thousands of people who rely on the rented sector for their homes.

I would be grateful if you would be able to provide your assessment of an anticipated timeline for implementation, in what has been a long campaign for improvements.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive