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The Rt Hon Andy Burnham
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Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Every Hospice Matters – please personally receive the public’s petition

I am writing to ask that you personally receive the *Every Hospice Matters* petition at Downing Street, meet some of the families behind it, and make sustainable hospice funding a national priority.

The public petition is now on the verge of reaching 100,000 signatures, with people from across the country adding not only their names, but deeply personal accounts of what hospice and end-of-life care has meant to them and their families.

Parliamentarians from across the political spectrum have stood together on this issue. Now almost 100,000 members of the public have stood alongside us.

In South Cambridgeshire, I have seen first-hand the exceptional work of Arthur Rank Hospice, whose staff and volunteers provide compassionate, specialist care to patients and their loved ones at the most challenging times in their lives. Like hospices across the country, however, it faces increasing demand alongside continuing financial pressures, making long-term funding certainty ever more important.

As you have highlighted the need to improve social care and build a system that delivers dignified, person-centred support, I hope you will recognise the essential role that hospices play in achieving those aims. Sustainable investment in hospice care would not only improve the experience of patients and families at the end of life but would also help relieve pressures on hospitals and the wider health and care system.

I therefore hope you will take this opportunity to meet some of the families behind the petition, receive their message directly, and demonstrate your commitment to ensuring hospice care remains available to all those who need it.

Yours sincerely,

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