

Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP  
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Dear Rishi Sunak

Thank you for promising to serve our country with integrity. We write as faith and belief leaders to welcome you to office and ask you to take action to improve truth and integrity in public life.

All of us hold truth and integrity as sacred or intrinsic to our beliefs. By being honest and true to our values, we can have the right relationship with ourselves, others, and the ultimate truth.

We want our political leaders to be role models for these values, as set out in the Seven Principles of Public Life. We would like them to be supported by structures that enable and require politicians and staff to show truth and integrity at all times. In recent years there have been numerous examples to show that existing structures are insufficient to uphold truth and integrity, and this has weakened our democracy. When politicians breach people's trust and are not held to account by the system, people become disillusioned, and leaders lose their mandate to govern.

We ask you to strive for a culture of truth and integrity in government and parliament, and strengthen the laws, policies and processes that hold people in public office to account. An excellent first step would be to appoint a new Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests as you have pledged. They must be chosen via an independent appointments process and have the authority to initiate investigations and determine breaches of the Ministerial Code. They could then oversee further changes to strengthen integrity in government.

We hold you in our thoughts and prayers as you embark on this challenging journey, and we stand ready to assist you in any way we can.

Yours sincerely

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Lord Indarjit Singh, Director, Network of Sikh Organisations  
Mr Rajnish Kashyap, General Secretary/Director, Hindu Council UK  
Mrs Trupti Patel, President, Hindu Forum Britain  
Zara Mohammed, Secretary-General, Muslim Council of Britain  
Jamie Cresswell, Director, Centre for Applied Buddhism

Andrew Copson, Chief Executive, Humanists UK  
Elizabeth Slade, Chief Officer, General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches  
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Most Revd Andrew John, Archbishop of Wales, Church in Wales  
Right Reverend David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton\*  
Right Reverend Mary Stallard, Assistant Bishop in Bangor, Church in Wales  
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