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Dear Mr Moore,

UK Fire Donations Helping Ukraine

I am writing to you to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to all the fire and rescue, FireAid, and industry volunteers who gave their commitment and their time to take part in the 22 vehicle convoy which left UK for Poland on 19 March 2022.

This was a heroic effort: 15 fire appliances, a hydraulic platform, 3 heavy goods torries containing over 30,000 items of equipment, and 3 engineering support vehicles, this convoy was the largest ever single donation of fire and rescue equipment from the UK. The success of the convoy in delivering sorely needed equipment exemplifies what can be achieved when fire and rescue services, the charity and industry sectors, and government work together – and is a testament to your commitment and dedication.

I have been particularly impressed by the scale of the collaboration between a wide of stakeholders; not only between the fire and rescue services, Fire Aid and the industry sector, but also the NFCC, the National Resilience Assurance Team in Merseyside, which co-ordinated the activities of the services, UK ISAR, and officials in Cabinet Office and Border Force who worked so hard to speed up the administrative processes. My thanks also go to Kent Police for providing support in ensuring the convoy reached its destination point in Dover.

I would also like to pay homage to the fire and rescue services generally for their generosity in donating this quantity of equipment in support of their fire and rescue colleagues in Ukraine.

Finally, I hope you all take pride in what you have achieved in making this convoy happen in support of the Ukrainian fire and rescue services and the Ukrainian people.



Yours,

Lord Greenhalgh Minister of State for Building Safety and Fire at

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