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Dear Rishi Sunak,

I am writing to you for the third time to express my disappointment that you have still not appointed an Anti-Corruption Champion since John Penrose's resignation in June 2022. In a letter from Tom Tugendhat in July 2023, the Minister assured me that a new Anti-Corruption Champion would be appointed. He also said that the Anti-Corruption Strategy would be published last year, but we are still waiting.

Corruption and dirty money have damaged our international credibility, distorted our economy, and undermined our democratic institutions. We must urgently restore Britain's reputation as a trusted jurisdiction.

Obviously, introducing smart regulation and proper resourcing for our law enforcement agencies is vital to turning this around. But the publication of an ambitious strategy and the appointment of an Anti-Corruption Champion would provide a clear vision, leadership, and accountability on an issue of national importance.

In his letter, your Minister for Security said that you were 'looking to turn the dial on corruption'. Actions speak louder than words and I can see no reason for continuing to delay this appointment. Please could you give me a date by which you would expect to see a new Anti-Corruption Champion in post. Failure to act will simply enable cronyism and corruption to become commonplace.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Hodge'.

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