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Dear (MP's name)

Fair access to the Building Safety Fund

I am writing to you as a constituent and a leaseholder/property professional to ask for fair access to the Building Safety Fund.

The tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in June 2017 instigated a number of legislative recommendations and changes, notably the £3.5 billion additional package to replace unsafe cladding on high-rise buildings above 18 metres. Currently, the government is proposing a finance scheme to replace unsafe cladding for buildings between 11 and 18 metres, with leaseholders accessing a finance scheme paying no more than £50 a month on their loan.

It is unacceptable to exclude leaseholders in blocks under 18 metres from the Building Safety Fund, for the following reasons:

- The 18 metre measurement is based on obsolete fire equipment
- Smaller blocks still have a fire risk from unsafe cladding: in two recent high-rise fires, a block of flats in Bolton and a block of flats in Barking, both buildings were under 18 metres in height
- The legal requirement for sprinklers is 11 metres: why isn't this also the case for the Building Safety Fund?

The 11 metre limit could also risk creating a two-tier property market with smaller blocks burdened by loans. It is currently unclear if the loan will stay with the leaseholder or the property, and how it will be secured.

Add any further information or personal experiences.

I would like you to raise this matter with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP and ask that the Building Safety Fund is available to all leaseholders.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Your name

Your address and postcode