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Thank you for your letter of 10 September. I am very grateful for your further explanation of the work undertaken by the HSC since 1974 to replace the health and safety regulations. I take the point that this has resulted in a more cost-effective regulatory framework and I agree that liaison committees such as HELA have an important role to play.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of E (LG) and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours ever

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