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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 June 2020

Dear Jeffrey

Thank you very much for your letter of 20 February, inviting me to become Senior Patron of Motability. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

I am a long-standing admirer of Motability, which does outstanding work to support disabled people across the United Kingdom. I would of course be delighted to follow many of my predecessors in becoming Senior Patron, and am grateful for your kind invitation.

I hope that you will be able to meet the Secretary of State for Work & Pensions in due course to discuss Motability's work and the Government's support for it.

Thank you again for writing.

Best wishes
yours ever
David

P.S. I think I had better dig out
the old Telegraph article I wrote!

The Lord Sterling of Plaistow GCVO CBE

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February 12th 2020

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson, MP
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Dear Prime Minister

As you are aware, I co-founded Motability, (an independent charity) with the late Lord Goodman in 1977 to provide mobility for disabled people. We cover the whole of the United Kingdom and we have some 620,000 vehicles on the road and nearing the end of PIP (Personal Independence Payments) transition the numbers are now rising with many of the new entrants to the Scheme having mental disabilities and therefore require much greater support.

For some thirty years we have also provided vehicles for our Veterans when we took over the responsibility from BLESMA – we also have a division that supplies some 17,000 powered wheelchairs and scooters to users.

Since its foundation we have put some five million vehicles on the road and the present value of our fleet is close to 8 billion pounds sterling and we are over 10 per cent of the British market.

Chief Patron Her Majesty The Queen

Chairman The Right Hon The Lord Sterling of Plaistow GCVO CBE

CEO Barry Le Grys MBE

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As you will see in the Annual Report we are substantially expanding our endeavours and are helping the DWP on a wider front.

We would also, suggest as in the past a handover in front of No 10 which could include both electric and hybrid vehicles. Finally, we intend to do a handover of one of the large vehicles we are providing to families who are helped by The Family Fund and sadly have babies who are unlikely to survive their early years

I look forward
to your reply
With warm regards
Jeffrey

Cc: Sam Richards: 10 Downing Street

Cc: Barry Le Grys: Chief Executive Officer, Motability