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Dear Prime Minister,

I have been loyal to every Conservative Party Leader since I was first elected in 1992. I have supported you since you took office in July 2019.

I am grateful to you for nominating me on behalf of the Government to be the UK's candidate for the position of Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in 2020. This was an incredible honour, and I was delighted to be able to argue the case for Global Free Trade on the international stage. As you know, I believe passionately in trade liberation, and I will continue to focus my efforts in this area. The recent protectionist stance of the Government is unacceptable to me.

I also thank you for supporting my Private Members' Bill and making the Down Syndrome Act a reality. It shows what we can achieve at our best.

The events of recent days, however, have convinced me that unfortunately, you cannot continue to lead the Conservative Party and more importantly our country.

We have lost too many good people from the Government who could not reconcile their loyalty to you with their conscience. I share their feelings.

Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that I am today withdrawing my support for you as I no longer have confidence in you as our leader. I urge you to do the right thing and resign.

Yours ever,  
Liam

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