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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Institute of Directors, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister for Artificial Intelligence. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead as you take forward the Government's ambitions for AI.

We warmly welcome the Prime Minister's decision to elevate AI to Cabinet level and expand ministerial leadership on AI across government. AI offers a substantial opportunity to raise productivity, support business growth and enhance the UK's competitiveness at a time when economic growth remains the Government's overriding priority. Giving AI a stronger voice at the centre of government reflects both the scale of the opportunity and the importance of getting this policy right.

The UK enters this next phase from a position of considerable strength in AI research, talent and innovation. The challenge now is to translate those advantages into wider business adoption, productivity gains and long-term economic benefits. As the Government develops its approach, we believe there are several areas where focused leadership will be particularly important. We believe three priorities will be particularly important over the coming months: accelerating responsible AI adoption across the economy, in particular the private sector; strengthening the governance and assurance frameworks that enable organisations to use AI with confidence; and supporting businesses and workers to adapt successfully as AI reshapes the labour market, jobs and skills.

The Institute of Directors represents thousands of business leaders who are responsible for making decisions about AI adoption, governance and investment in organisations across every sector of the economy. We therefore welcome the Government's commitment to this agenda and stand ready to support your efforts as you take forward your priorities.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment. We hope we can find an early opportunity to meet and discuss how the Institute of Directors can support you in delivering the Government's ambitions.



Yours sincerely.

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