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Dear Professor Sang and Professor Barsby,

Thank you and all the signatories for your letter of 26 July and kind words of congratulation, as well as your call for early implementation of the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023. I am delighted to have been appointed a Minister at Defra and I look forward to working with you.

The new government has outlined five key priorities for the department, including to boost Britain's food security. Innovation is key in supporting our efforts to strengthen food security, enhance resilience and improve agricultural sustainability.

We are now considering how to take forward the regulatory framework outlined in the Act and will share our plans with key interested parties soon.

Thank you for your continued interest and support for this policy.

Yours sincerely,

DANIEL ZEICHNER MP