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Dear Minister,

Police Funding in Exceptional Circumstances

I am writing to you following your letter of 03 July to Humza Yousaf MSP regarding the funding which the Treasury is ring fencing to cover any costs associated with Police Scotland facilitating the visit by President Trump, especially as such a visit is likely to see widespread protests.

I welcome the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the impact of national decisions on an overstretched police force. As you pointed out in your letter, policing is a devolved matter but the Government has recognised that decisions it has made, in what it believes to be the national interest, have impacts on local services.

Given that this five million pound amount has been protected regardless of operational spend and without reaching the threshold of 1% of overall budget which the Home Office require forces in England and Wales, I am asking that the same considerations be applied to Lancashire Constabulary's situation.

Here in Lancashire we have seen daily protests against the Government's decision to overturn Lancashire County Council's position on fracking operations in the county. The police have a duty to facilitate lawful protest whilst also protecting the public and allowing companies to go about their lawful business. To date the operation to police the protests has cost Lancashire Constabulary at least £7 million, however the Home Office have offered the minimal possible support through the special grant process.

The Government must have been aware of the level of opposition to this decision and should have ensured resources were available to the police for the response. I write to ask that the Government apply the same criteria to Lancashire that it has in the Presidential visit, recognise the impact of a national policy decision on an overstretched local force and disapply the rules around Special Grant funding to



ensure Lancashire Constabulary is not left having to fill a funding gap of over £5.5m for this operation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

cc. Rt Hon Sajid Javid
Lancashire MPs