



## Department for Transport



Civil Air Ensign



Maritime Ensign

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### **FAO The Air League**

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Dear Sirs/Madams,

#### **Achievement of service to the Aviation sector**

I wanted to write to you personally on behalf of myself and the Department for Transport.

We have long been aware of the Air League's outstanding contributions to the Aviation sector through making flying more accessible for all, which is an inspiration to all of us in aviation. I note that your current work sits atop a remarkable history and broad remit which is full of achievements, most notably providing scholarships and outreach programmes, while supporting industry through educational events and position papers. This is the kind of work that inspires future generations from across society to carry the torch of UK aviation – and is entirely in line with our Reach for the Sky ambitions to inspire the next generation and promote diversity, inclusion and accessibility in the aviation sector.

I have no doubt that the League will continue to support, encourage and enable those around you with the commitment, hard work and passion which has done the organisation such great credit.

In particular I wish to commend your work on:

#### Soaring to Success

This programme has been a fantastic pipeline for encouraging young individuals through the practical and logistical skills and careers hurdles to aviation.

#### Project Slingshot

DfT were proud to support you on this project, which saw young individuals gain invaluable practical experience in aviation manufacture.

#### Annual House of Commons Reception

The House of Commons reception has been a great opportunity for the sector to be recognised and awarded for its work.

#### Empowering Women in Aviation

This was a much-needed event to help women at all career stages to succeed in the sector and was a fantastic resource for linking grassroots and senior level thinking.

There are of course many more projects the Air League continues to deliver. It is wonderful to hear of the opportunities you have provided for injured servicepeople and those from socially disadvantaged backgrounds to enter into aerospace and aviation careers.

Thank you once again for your work, and for setting the standard of service to which all those of us working in the sector should aspire.

With warmest regards,

David

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Harding', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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