

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Mr Healey

Thank you for your email of 28 September.

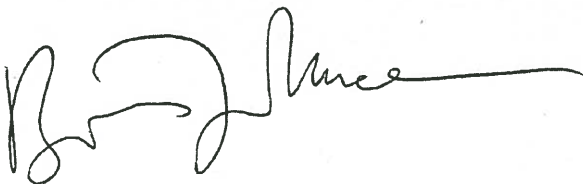
I would like once again to pay tribute to the work of the '17-24-30 - No to Hate Crime Campaign' and Stop Hate UK for their efforts in facilitating and promoting National Hate Crime Awareness Week. I would also add my congratulations to the many you will have received for your Points of Light Award from the Prime Minister earlier this year, for your many years of work in this area.

National Hate Crime Awareness Week helps make people aware of the harm and fear that hate crime can cause, not just to individual victims but to whole communities. However, it also demonstrates that communities are working in partnership to combat hate crime and support those who have been targeted.

As I have said previously, London is a city that thrives on its diversity and I am determined that we must continue to strive to root out hate crime and ensure that everyone, regardless of their background or identity, feels safe in our capital city. I am delighted that we have been able to assist, through the Hate Crime Reduction Strategy for London and its key actions, in making this year's National Hate Crime Awareness Week the most widely known yet.

I understand that my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, conveyed my best wishes when he joined you for the launch ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday.

Yours sincerely



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London