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Dear Peter,

I am delighted to offer my support for the National Citizen Service (NCS) programme being delivered in Northern Ireland by Co-operation Ireland. I recently had the privilege to meet with a group of young people who have participated in the programme and was very impressed to hear how it has contributed to their personal growth and development.

Co-operation Ireland deserves to be commended for their work on delivering the programme in Northern Ireland. It is having a real impact on the lives of many young people and helping to make a real difference in local communities.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the NCS graduation ceremony on 25 January as I shall be in hospital following an operation, but I look forward to seeing how the programme continues to develop and impact positively on the futures of our young people.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Robathan

**RT HON ANDREW ROBATHAN MP
MINISTER OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**