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Dear Andrew and all at Humanists UK,

I'm delighted to be sending you this message to join your celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of Humanists UK.

It is important that, on such a special anniversary, we reflect on all that humanists in the UK have achieved over the past 125 years.

As well as celebrating your broad contribution, we can renew our celebrations of individual humanists working in various fields such as the sciences, philosophy, defence, and the arts, who have truly reflected humanist values; to think independently and act with kindness and tolerance for the benefit of our shared society. It is good to see the work of Humanists featured within your new Humanist Heritage project and website.

As we prepare for our national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to thank humanists in the UK for their tireless contribution to the national effort. You have all contributed in numerous ways; with many humanists working in front line services and the NHS, some of you engaging with Government on critical issues, but very significantly you have supported bereaved families and provided space for people to mourn and remember.

I hope you are able to come together in person over the coming months for some of your events to celebrate your 125th anniversary.

Yours Sincerely,

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