Dear Mr Hoyle,

Dear colleague,

On Friday the 15th of October, along with the rest of the world, we were shocked and saddened by the dreadful and terrible attack on Sir David Amess.

What should have been a constituency surgery ended in a cowardly attack on a hardworking and eager Member of Parliament. In a democracy we never agree with violence, but we agree or fight with each other with words. For this reason, the death of Sir David Amess also affected us deeply.

On behalf of all the members of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands we offer our sincere condolences. We share in your grief and the grief of his family, friends and colleague.

We wish you strength and resilience in this difficult time.
Vera Bergkamp
Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands