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Dear Mr Doran,

I am writing this letter as a statement of support for my constituent, Nick Matthew, to be included in the final shortlist for BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2013. Please note, that in writing this letter I am doing so in my capacity as a constituency MP rather than Deputy Prime Minister. Nick recently won the PSA World Open Squash.

It is on learning of Nick's sporting achievements and recognising that he has put his professional career ahead of everything else that I felt compelled to write in support of him.

Nick has won many awards and trophies over the years and I will not focus on all of them but it is important to mention some of his achievements.

Clearly Nick showed great potential and promise in squash at an early age and his hard work paid off when he became a semi-finalist at the 1998 World Junior Championships, and a member of the England team which won the 1998 world junior team title. He followed up this success in 1999 -becoming the British Junior Open under-19 champion.

Since these early days Nick has won the British Open on three occasions, including his victory in 2006 which saw him become the first home-grown English player to win the British Open men's title since 1939; he won gold in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India; and he has ranked as the World No. 1 in his sport.

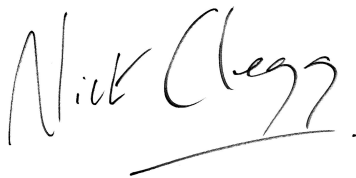
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It is Nick's association with the PSA World Open in particular however that led me to write to you today. Nick has won this prestigious tournament in 2010, 2011, and 2013 where he was able to defeat fellow competitor Gregory Gaultier of France in the final by 3 games to 2. This year's contest was played out in front of a home crowd, at the Central arena Manchester, with all the added pressure and expectation that that brings. It saw Nick become one of just a handful of players across the world to have won this event on three occasions and marks an exceptional year of sporting success.

For any sports person, to be nominated for BBC Sports Personality of the Year is a personal highlight and a source of great personal pride.

I hope you will be able to consider my constituent Nick Matthew for inclusion on this list in the light of these achievements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Clegg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Nick Clegg MP