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Dear Denis,

Following House of Lords Report on the Space Industry Bill on 14 November 2017, I am writing regarding the role of the Health and Safety Executive in regulating spaceflight activities.

At Report, I explained that the current division of responsibilities between the Civil Aviation Authority and Health and Safety Executives in respect to aviation safety are set out in a Memorandum of Understanding. I attach a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding and associated guidance (CAP 1484). These documents and further supporting information can be found on the CAA's website:

<https://www.caa.co.uk/Our-work/About-us/The-CAA,-HSE-and-HSENI/>

As I stated at Report, we anticipate that the spaceflight regulators and the Health and Safety Executives will similarly set the division of responsibilities in a Memorandum of Understanding.

I hope these publications relating to aviation safety will provide further reassurance on the Government's proposed approach to safety of spaceflight activities and at spaceports.

I am copying this letter to other Peers who spoke during Lords Report and I will place a copy in the library of both Houses.

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