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Dear *Hilary*,

CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE EU: RIGHT BY RIGHT ANALYSIS

When Steve Baker MP gave evidence to your Committee on Thursday 26 October, he confirmed that the Government would publish a memorandum on rights set out in the Charter, and I am pleased to be able to share a copy of this memorandum with you today.

At Committee stage to the EU (Withdrawal) Bill, the House debated clause 5 and schedule 1 which detail the Bill's approach to the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and provisions relating to the general principles of EU law. The Government intends, through this approach, to protect the substantive rights catalogued by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, and it will do this by preserving the sources which underlie the Charter. Dominic Raab MP committed to the House that an analysis on the Charter would be published by 5 December.

This analysis has been published at gov.uk. It sets out, on an article- by-article basis, the origins of the rights and principles contained in the Charter of Fundamental Rights; our analysis of the effect of the treatment of fundamental rights in the Bill; and the ways in which those rights and principles will continue to be protected in UK law, both the retained EU law and existing domestic legislation. I will also deposit a copy of this letter and the analysis in the libraries of both Houses.

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