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Dear Karl

I am writing to respond to the issue that you raised during the debate on 27 November to consider the Draft Community Drivers' Hours Offences (Enforcement) Regulations 2017. I am placing a copy of this letter in the House of Commons Library.

I am pleased this common-sense measure has the support of the Opposition.

You asked whether the Government had considered how to avoid the new provisions being used by enforcement officers retrospectively when the Regulations come into force. I can confirm that, to prevent the Regulations having retrospective effect, a transitional provision has been included (under regulation 11), which ensures that the provisions will not be applied to drivers' hours offences which are committed before the day on which the Regulations come into force.

Should you have any further queries about the Regulations or the enforcement thereof, I or my officials will be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

Rt. Hon John Hayes CBE MP