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My Lords,

Further to the debate during Committee stage of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill, I thought it would be helpful if before the Report stage you were able to see a draft of the regulations we propose to make in relation to clause 11. This clause gives a power to make regulations in relation to appeals against citizens' rights immigration decisions. I am placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of both Houses, along with a draft version of the Regulations the Government hopes to lay when the Bill becomes law, together with the accompanying draft Explanatory Memorandum.

The draft version is entitled "The Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020" and while it may be subject to further technical changes it sets out the Government policy in relation to appeals against citizens' rights immigration decisions.

I hope that the draft regulations will help reassure colleagues on the extensive appeal rights that are being planned.

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