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Dear Baroness Quin,

Firstly, let me thank you for your contribution during the Second Reading of the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill on 20 October.

I am writing to you to follow up on your question regarding the automotive sector and international law. I would like to reassure you that the Government remains determined to ensure that the UK continues to be one of the most competitive locations in the world for automotive and other advanced manufacturing. We will continue to support and invest in the sector to ensure that the UK automotive sector remains innovative and competitive.

This Bill protects seamless trade and jobs across all the United Kingdom following the end of the Transition Period on 1 January 2021. We consulted widely on our proposals, and the business community backed the need to legislate to prevent regulatory barriers arising within the UK internal market. The provisions set out in the Bill provide stability and certainty for businesses and consumers which will help boost our economic recovery, while maintaining our world-leading regulatory standards.

Regarding your point on the Ministerial Code, as you know, all Ministers are required to consider their obligations against the overarching duty to comply with the law and protect the integrity of public life. The Cabinet Secretary has considered this matter and determined that Ministers are acting in accordance with the obligations under the Ministerial Code.

I thank you again for your contribution in the debate.

Lord Callanan