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Dear Colin,

Thank you once again for your engagement on the Professional Qualifications Bill, and for speaking at Committee on 22 June.

I wanted to follow up on your speech at Committee, during which you raised points relating to British nationals qualified as Snowsport Instructors working in Switzerland and those supporting the industry more broadly.

I want to reiterate that supporting professionals, businesses and regulators as they navigate the post-Transition Period landscape, and the new regulatory landscape introduced through the Bill, is a priority for the Government. It is for this reason that the Bill contains Clause 7, relating to the assistance centre.

The assistance centre provides support to UK professionals who wish to have their qualifications recognised in order to practise a regulated profession in the European Economic Area and Switzerland. It also provides assistance to overseas professionals wishing to practise their profession in the UK. The assistance centre is able to support professionals who do not work in a regulated profession as defined in the Bill, as they may be regulated professions in other jurisdictions.

As I have set out in my speeches in the House, BEIS has also established a dedicated recognition arrangements team. The team can provide support to regulators, including the British Association of Snowsport Instructors, as they seek to enter into arrangements with overseas counterparts to facilitate the mutual recognition of professional qualifications. These arrangements ensure that UK qualified professionals are able to gain recognition overseas. The Government has also recently published technical guidance for regulators to facilitate pursuing these arrangements with their international counterparts.

The Government is fully committed to helping UK regulators to address issues faced by UK professionals. Officials are working across government, industry and regulators to explore what can be done to achieve this.

At Committee, I also committed to consult our posts in the countries concerned on this matter, and I have asked officials to follow up on this point.

I hope the points above are helpful. I will share this letter with colleagues who spoke in this debate and a copy of this letter will be deposited in the Library of the House of Lords.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grimstone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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