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**POLICE, CRIME, SENTENCING AND COURTS BILL: NEW PUBLIC ORDER
MEASURES**

As you will be aware, the Government has tabled a number of amendments to the Bill for Lords Committee stage in response to the significant disruption we have seen over the last few months caused by Insulate Britain protestors. The five measures:

- Amend the offence of wilful obstruction of highway, including to provide for an increased maximum penalty;
- Create two new offences related to locking on;
- Create a new offence of obstruction of major transport works;
- Confer new powers to stop and search; and
- Create the new Serious Disruption Prevention Orders.

I attach a supplementary ECHR memorandum in relation to these new measures.

I am copying this letter to Lord Rosser, Lord Falconer, Lord Ponsonby, Lord Coaker, Lord Paddick, Lord Marks of Henley upon Thames, Lord Judge, Nick Thomas-Symonds, David Lammy and Sarah Jones. I am also placing a copy of this letter and enclosure in the library of both Houses.

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