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Dear Fred,

**POLICE, CRIME, SENTENCING AND COURTS BILL: FURTHER GOVERNMENT  
AMENDMENTS IN THE LORDS: IPPS**

I am writing to let you have details of the attached additional government amendment that we have tabled for Third Reading of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill on Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences (IPPs).

At Report stage, I (Lord Wolfson) committed to bring forward a Government amendment relating to IPP offenders.

IPP offenders are eligible to have their licence terminated at the discretion of the Parole Board once 10 years have elapsed from their first release. The Secretary of State has made it his policy to seek to refer every eligible offender to the Parole Board however, the current statutory provisions provide that the offender has to make the application, so permission has to be sought from the offender for the Secretary of State to make the application on their behalf.

The amendment that the Government is bringing forward for Third Reading will remove the need for the offender to give permission and require the Secretary of State to make annual referrals once the qualifying period has passed. This will, therefore, ensure that all eligible offenders are referred to the Parole Board for consideration of licence termination. This is particularly useful as it will enable the Parole Board to consider applications from offenders who may be difficult to contact in order to secure their permission (for example because their active supervision has been suspended and they are no longer in contact with their Probation office).

I am pleased that we have received cross-party support for this amendment to be brought forward in the Lords.

I hope you will welcome this amendment and I look forward to debating the Bill with you for its final remaining stages.

We are copying this letter to Lord Blunkett, Lord Moylan, Lord Judge and Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood and Steve Reed MP. We are also placing a copy of the letter and enclosure in the library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Wolfson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

**Lord (David) Wolfson of Tredegar, QC**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

**Baroness Williams of Trafford**