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Dear Baroness Randerson,

### **Automated Vehicles Bill Committee – Follow Up Letter**

Following the first day of Committee debate on the Automated Vehicles Bill held on 10 January, I am writing to provide further clarity on a point you raised during the discussion. You asked whether it is the Government's view that ten seconds is the appropriate minimum period for a transition demand.

The appropriate minimum transition period will vary by use-case. The Bill therefore does not prescribe a specific transition period. Instead, it allows these to be set through authorisation requirements, stipulating that they must be long enough for the User-In-Charge to assume control – including any time required to regain situational awareness and prepare themselves.

I believe in this instance you were referring to the UNECE regulations for Automated Lane Keeping Systems, which do indeed specify ten seconds as the minimum transition period.

This is a single international standard for a single specific use-case. It was informed by research carried out in several countries involving drivers of different experience and demographics, and performing other activities while the vehicle was driving itself. There was broad agreement in the Chamber on Wednesday regarding the benefits of such attempts at international harmonisation.

Different minimum transition periods will likely be appropriate for different use-cases, and the authorisation framework will allow us to set these requirements as necessary.

I hope this clarification is helpful and look forward to further discussions as the Bill continues its passage.

I am copying this letter to Lord Liddle and will place a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

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