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Dear Lord Bew,

Thank you for your contribution to the debate on Tuesday 23 July on the constitution and devolution. In the debate, you noted the Prime Minister's support for Northern Ireland's continued place in the United Kingdom and the opportunity for a reset on devolution, which I have provided responses to below.

The Government is strongly committed to our United Kingdom, as was clearly set out in our manifesto and I trust you will see that reflected in our work as we take it forward.

We will uphold the Good Friday Agreement both in letter and in spirit, including the principle of consent, upon which the Agreement rests. To that end, we are committed to working with all political parties and communities to ensure the stability of devolved government, improve public services and the sustainability of public finances.

I will place a copy of this letter in the House Library.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Khan of Burnley
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