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The Lord Browne of Belmont  
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Dear Lord Browne,

Thank you for your contribution to the debate on Tuesday 23 July on the constitution and devolution. In the debate, you raised concerns about the operation of the Windsor Framework.

The Government is committed to implementing the Windsor Framework in good faith and to taking all steps necessary to protect the UK internal market. The Windsor Framework represented a big improvement on the arrangements under the old Northern Ireland Protocol, removing unnecessary checks and paperwork, lifting the bans on a whole range of plants and products, and giving the Northern Ireland Assembly greater democratic powers over new EU legislation through the Stormont Brake.

The Government is also committed to seeking joint solutions with the EU to challenges that will arise in future. The benefits of such an approach are evident in the recent agreement reached with the EU on a 10-year extension to implement the phase-out of dental amalgam in Northern Ireland. This demonstrates the determination that I believe exists on all sides, across the UK and the EU, to work constructively together to address issues affecting everyday life in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland's economy has enormous strengths, with a highly skilled workforce, strong services, manufacturing and life sciences sectors, and great opportunities for inward investment. We are committed to championing Northern Ireland around the world and working with the Executive to encourage more businesses to invest in Northern Ireland's future.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Khan', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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