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Dear Lord Caine,

Thank you for your contribution to the debate on Tuesday 23 July on the constitution and devolution. I welcome the expertise you bring to the chamber and your extensive knowledge on matters relating to Northern Ireland. In the debate, you asked about the Government's commitment to implementing the Windsor Framework and its approach to upholding Northern Ireland's constitutional position in the United Kingdom.

The Government is committed to implementing the Windsor Framework in good faith and taking all steps necessary to protect the UK internal Market. There has already been considerable progress in delivering on the *Safeguarding the Union* Command Paper, including two statutory instruments and the Humble Address, and we will continue to make as much progress as possible with implementing the commitments in it.

Meanwhile, the recent Northern Ireland-specific 10-year adaptation to implement the phase-out of dental amalgam demonstrates the determination on all sides, across the UK and the EU, to work constructively together to address real issues affecting everyday life in Northern Ireland.

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 are absolutely committed to upholding the Good Friday Agreement, both in letter and in spirit, including the principle of consent upon which it rests. 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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