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By email: stewart.wood@parliament.uk

Dear Stewart,

Thank you for your engagement on the UK-US Economic Prosperity Deal on 14th May. You asked about the supply chain security requirements of the United States. Please accept my apologies for the delay in coming back to you.

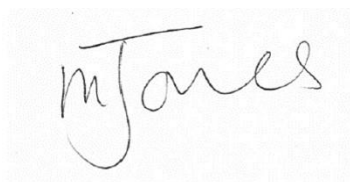
The General Terms sets out that we will continue to use investment screening measures already in place and work with the US to protect our supply chains from any third country investment that concerns either country. This will be done on the basis of equal partnership.

The UK is working at pace with the US to finalise arrangements for the UK preferential treatment for sectors impacted by Section 232 tariffs. This will cover the operationalisation of UK-specific quotas as well as US requirements on the security of relevant supply chains for products intended for export to the US. For steel and aluminium this will also include requirements on the nature of ownership of relevant production facilities. The UK and US are both committed to protecting our critical steel supply chains. We are working through the details with the US as part of the next stage of our engagement and we will continue to put the interests of British industry first.

I hope this response gives you the reassurances you need and thank you again for engaging on this important issue.

I am copying this letter to the front benches of the House, and a copy of this letter will be deposited in the libraries of the House.

Best wishes,



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