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Dear Mark,

**BORDER SECURITY, ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION BILL: HOUSE OF LORDS
COMMITTEE**

I am writing further to the debate in the Lords Committee on 10 July, where you asked (Official Report 10 July Part 1 Columns 1485 to 1488) for details about the effectiveness of UK data protection legislation.

I wanted to reiterate my reassurance that the UK's data protection legislation allows for personal data to be processed to pursue legitimate aims such as immigration control and law enforcement, and therefore disapplying the framework from irregular migrants and foreign criminals is unnecessary.

Furthermore, the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 recently passed through this Parliament to introduce targeted and proportionate amendments which will reduce unnecessary burdens and ensure that the data protection framework is fully fit for purpose. Whilst preparing for this Act, the Home Office undertook a careful exercise to ascertain if the legislation created blockers for the Department, including in the areas of immigration enforcement. I am pleased to reassure you that this review did not identify any systemic issues with the legislation. My officials will continue to keep this under review to ensure that both the law and its implementation continue to strike the right balance between protecting the rights and freedoms of all individuals and ensuring the Home Office can achieve the objectives that the public expects.

I look forward to further debate of the Bill as it continues Committee stage. I will place a copy of this letter in the library of the House.

Yours sincerely,



Lord Hanson of Flint