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Dear Caroline,

As I am sure you are acutely aware, the second reading of the UK Internal Market Bill is today. I am writing to ask you to vote against this legislation, which the Government has admitted violates international law.

We have been on different sides of many arguments. But we're united in our belief in British values such as civility, fairness, and keeping one's word.

Passing this bill would say to the world that the United Kingdom enters agreements with no intent of honouring them. The nations with which we seek to strike deals will offer us harsher terms with this in mind.

In a previous life, I started and ran a business that took me all over the world. I know better than most that we all benefit greatly from our international reputation. The consequences of this bill put our integrity - one of our greatest strengths - in dire jeopardy, just as we need it most.

You once said that the people of this constituency matter more to you than party loyalty - a statement for which I have nothing but respect. This legislation will harm the wellbeing, quality of life and indeed safety of the people you were elected to represent. I am imploring you to show the same moral rigour that saw you resign the Conservative whip last year and vote against this harmful legislation.

I hope that you will bear this in mind when you walk through the lobbies this afternoon. If you want to discuss the matter further, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Best wishes,



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