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Dear Harriet,

Thank you for your letter of 18 May requesting support for the Private Members' Bill drafted by your Committee.

I understand that you have now had a reply from the Secretary of State for Health explaining that new legislation to govern contract tracing is not necessary. I support this assessment.

In his letter, the Secretary of State highlights the government's commitment to ensuring transparency, security and privacy as the response to coronavirus continues and thanks your committee for its work in scrutinising the response to the pandemic thus far. May I add my thanks and my assurance to his that, as the NHS COVID-19 App is brought forward, these commitments will continue to be met.

With every good wish,

Yours ever,