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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter, dated 17 July 2020, on scrutiny of EU legislation during the transition period. The House of Lords European Union Select Committee considered this document at its meeting on 21 July 2020.

We are grateful to you and your officials for your engagement with the Committee on this matter, and we are content to agree the proposed changes to the deposit of EU documents for scrutiny during the remainder of the transition period as set out in your letter.

We note and agree with you that this does not pre-empt future scrutiny arrangements, which will be dependent on the outcome of the negotiations on the UK-EU future relationship. We will in due course make recommendations to the House as to its future engagement with these issues. We would also stress the importance of establishing, before the end of 2020, mechanisms for both Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly to scrutinise any new or amended EU legislation that will apply to Northern Ireland under the terms of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland. We look forward to continued dialogue with you about these matters in the autumn.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash MP, Chair of the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the European Union Committee