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Dear Foreign Secretary,

House of Lords European Affairs Committee

Following the decision by the House of Lords on 29 July 2024 to reappoint the European Affairs Committee, I write as Chairman to congratulate you warmly on your appointment as Foreign Secretary. Given the importance the Government has placed on the UK/EU relationship, I know that the Committee will look forward to working closely with you and your team on the many important issues involved.

The arrangements agreed with the previous Government for scrutiny of the UK's post-Brexit relationship with the EU provided for the Foreign Secretary to appear once a year; the most recent appearance by your predecessor took place in December 2023. There was also an agreement that the Europe Minister would come to us at least twice a year. I realise that the Government will want to consider how it will engage with Parliament on European issues, but I wanted to lose no time in requesting an initial evidence session with you as soon as your diary allows. I will ask the Committee clerks to discuss this further with your staff.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Ricketts

Chair of the European Affairs Committee