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Dear Liam,

UK-India Free Trade Agreement: Launch of CRaG

I am writing to update you on the Government's plan for ratifying and implementing the UK-India Free Agreement (FTA), formally known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), signed in July 2025.

Today we have laid the India FTA under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act (2010), meaning that the 21-day scrutiny period for the treaty will begin tomorrow. As previously mentioned, we remain committed to working with the Chief Whip to schedule a general debate subject to parliamentary time.

In addition to launching CRaG, we are also making the necessary domestic legislative changes to ratify the agreement. This week, three statutory instruments (SIs) are being laid, covering procurement, tariffs, and 'national treatment' of conformity assessment bodies (NTCABs). We will also be laying SIs on copyright and mobility. I also note that you have now published your report on the FTA and look forward to responding in due course.

Once again, I would like to thank the Committee for their engagement as we seek to ratify the deal and support businesses to take full advantage of the agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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