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Dear Mr Slaughter and Mr Byrne

I write on behalf of myself and Lords Arbuthnot of Edrom, Carlile of Berriew, Thomas of Cwmgiedd and Gold, a group of peers with a shared interest in issues arising from the Supreme Court's decision in *PACCAR*, litigation funding, and the operation of the collective actions regime. I have copied them into the email to which this letter is attached.

I attach for ease of reference a recent letter of 26 January which I wrote to the Minister of State for Justice, Sarah Sackman KC MP, following her statement in the House of Commons. You will be aware that she has announced the Government's intention to legislate to reverse the effect of the Supreme Court's decision in *PACCAR*. She set out specific issues arising from that announcement in relation to the form, timing and scope of the proposed legislation. I still await her reply.

These matters engage the interests of both of your Committees - the Justice and Business and Trade Committees - and cut across their respective remits. We note that the Justice Committee is currently examining questions of access to justice, while the Department for Business and Trade is separately considering the operation of the opt-out collective actions regime.

It is clear that an effective response in this area requires coordination across departments and Parliamentary scrutiny that reflects that overlap. In that context, we would encourage you to consider whether there may be merit in examining these issues jointly, perhaps through a short, focused inquiry, to consider the Government's announcement of its intention to legislate to reverse the effect of the *PACCAR* decision, the current state of the litigation funding market, the impact on London's legal market and the implications for access to justice and redress.

We are currently meeting as a group of peers and would welcome the chance to pursue closer collaboration between the two Houses. We would therefore be pleased to meet you both in Parliament to discuss how best to ensure that these issues are given due ministerial attention, and how the Government's position on *PACCAR* might be built upon through thoughtful and purposeful legislation. This includes the context of the forthcoming King's Speech.

I would be very happy to discuss this further at your convenience.

Yours sincerely
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