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I am writing to thank you for the Ministry of Defence's response to our Fourth Report of Session 2019-21 *Foreign Involvement in the Defence Supply Chain*. The Committee were grateful to you and your team for the insights provided in the response.

During our inquiry we were particularly interested in the provisions within the National Security and Investment Bill for Parliamentary scrutiny. As you know the Bill provides for an annual report to Parliament as to the number of transactions called in and the sectors they are in. I am writing to request that, at six-monthly intervals, this information be provided directly to the Defence Committee and with a specific analytical focus on the UK's defence industry. I am sure you will agree that the security of our defence industry is of the utmost importance and that the Defence Committee should have a role in ensuring best practice is followed.

I am copying this letter to Nadhim Zahawi MP, the Minister for Business and Industry at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Very best

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Chair of the Defence Committee