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*Dear Baroness Donaghy*

**STATE AID AFTER BREXIT**

Thank you for your letter of 31 October 2019.

I agree that future policy on State Aid is an important part of the Government's EU Exit programme and recognise the Committee's interest in this area. These decisions will potentially be subject to commitments on State Aid made in the draft Withdrawal Agreement and depend on the outcome of negotiations with the EU regarding a Free Trade Agreement.

The dissolution of Parliament for the forthcoming General Election means that any decisions on State Aid regulation in the UK after Brexit will now be for the next government.

*yours*

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