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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing regarding the Government's failure to respond to e-petition 575967, entitled "Mark Allen's Law - we want throwline stations around all bodies of open water".

The standards for responding to e-petitions, which have been agreed between the Petitions Committee and Leader of the House, state that Government responses should be provided within 14 days and no later than 21 days.

A response to this petition was first requested on 7 May. Despite repeated requests, the Government's response is now over four weeks late. This is clearly not acceptable. Petitioners are entitled to a response from the Government when their petition receives over 10,000 signatures, and this should be provided in a timely fashion.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Government's response to this petition, and an explanation for the delay in providing this, by Friday 9 July.

I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee

CC: Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Leader of the House of Commons