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Dear Yvette,

As you know only too well, this country continues to face a significant threat from people who wish to do us harm. To counter these terrorists, we need proportionate powers to keep this country safe. Whilst it is right that our first response to terrorism-related activity should be to prosecute or deport those involved, this is not always possible. This is why I continue to require the powers conferred on the office of Home Secretary within the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIM) Act 2011.

The powers in the TPIM Act 2011 need to be renewed as section 21 of the TPIM Act (and the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 (Continuation) Order 2016) sets out that the Home Secretary's powers expire on 13 December 2021, unless an order is made providing for the continuation of the powers (up to a maximum of five years).

I intend to lay a continuation order in both Houses to extend the TPIM Act 2011 for the full five years to ensure the police and Security Service continue to be able to apply to me to authorise TPIMs to reduce the risks we face from terrorists who, for whatever reason, we cannot currently prosecute

With all good wishes

Rt Hon Priti Patel MP