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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*  
**RE: SELECTION COMMITTEE.**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the Selection Committee.

The motion relating to the Selection Committee has been designed to ensure that the Government's demonstrable working majority is available right across Parliament, both on the floor of the House and in committees.

This is simply about ensuring that detailed legislation can be dealt with in committee, as usual, rather than the Commons having to reverse amendments made by an Opposition-controlled committee. This would significantly restrict the amount of business Parliament can consider at this crucial time. In fact, when the Labour Government was faced with a similar situation in 1976 they passed a motion for a majority of one in Standing Committees.

The Government acknowledges the important role that Parliament plays in scrutinising, and often enhancing, legislation. However, it is also important that we are provided with the opportunity to implement the legislative commitments made in the Queen's Speech, as well as to ensure that we leave the European Union in an orderly fashion.

It is important that we not only deliver on Brexit, but also provide the economic security and fairness that is inbuilt to our legislative programme. This motion is a vital tool in achieving those aims, is far from unprecedented, and was approved by the House when put to the vote; yet again demonstrating the Government's working majority.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom'.

**TOM PURSGLOVE MP**  
**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**  
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