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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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New Comment,

RE: DEPORTING FOREIGN CRIMINALS

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the deportation of foreign criminals, specifically in relation to Osime Brown; your comments about whom I have read with great interest.

Any foreign national who comes to this country and abuses our hospitality by breaking the law should be in no doubt of the UK's determination to deport them.

The *UK Borders Act 2007*, approved by Parliament under the then Labour Government, outlines that the Secretary of State must make a deportation order in respect of a foreign criminal sentenced to imprisonment for a period of 12 months or more, unless their case meets one of the exceptions set out in the legislation.

It is important not to forget that these individuals are criminals and have broken the law. I hope you can appreciate that it is not appropriate for me to comment in detail, or about the specifics of individual cases, especially if legal proceedings are ongoing. It is important for anyone in public office not to jeopardise the legal process in any way.

I understand that Osime Brown served a five-year prison sentence for robbery, attempted robbery and perverting the course of justice. As mentioned above, it is important not to intervene while legal proceedings continue. However, I will continue to monitor developments very closely.

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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