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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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New Confidence,

RE: THE TRADE & COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of 'levelling up' the *Trade & Cooperation Agreement* with the European Union.

The Government has secured an excellent deal for the United Kingdom which delivers on what the British public voted for in the referendum and in the 2019 General Election. In total, the deal is worth over £660 billion, and I welcome that it takes back control over our money, borders, laws and fisheries, with no role for the European Court of Justice.

This is the first free trade agreement based on zero tariffs and zero quotas that the EU has ever agreed, and it provides for continued market access across a broad scope of key service sectors. I also welcome that it delivers on wide-ranging commitments on labour and environmental standards.

This deal marks the start of our new relationship with the EU. I know Ministers are committed to close cooperation with the EU on areas of common interest, such as climate change and renewable energy.

The Government is also clear that it will continue to work with the EU to establish frameworks for regulatory cooperation in areas not wholly covered by the trade agreement.

I have every confidence that the deal sets a strong foundation for our future relationship. Cooperation will continue as we move forward and I very much welcome that we have now restored political and economic sovereignty to our country.

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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