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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Consultant,

RE: THE COMPREHENSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (CPTPP)

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns about the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP); I have read your comments with interest.

The CPTPP delivers on a post-Brexit agenda for a modern, free-trading global Britain. The UK's membership represents the future of our global trade, partnering with Japan, Canada, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand, and emerging markets such as Mexico, Malaysia and Vietnam. It adds another like-minded partner and strong voice to this powerful alliance, taking the trade bloc's GDP to £11 trillion. It gives UK businesses tariff-free access on over 99 percent of goods to a market of around 500 million customers. The partnership will also provide new opportunities for tech, data and the services sector, supporting UK businesses and jobs.

I welcome that the Business and Trade Secretary of State has now officially signed our Accession Protocol to the CPTPP. The next step in the accession process will be a legal review of the agreement text. I welcome that the Government is introducing the *Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill* that will ensure the UK can meet international commitments under the CPTPP when the UK accedes.

The Government has taken the time to get this deal right and would never allow the UK's high standards to be compromised. Negotiations ensured protections on healthcare, the environment, animal welfare and food. As a major economy and strong advocate of free trade, the UK will support the trade bloc to shape the high standards of global trade, particularly in the face of increased protectionism. I am assured that, as a signatory to the CPTPP, the UK would crucially not be required to cede control over its laws, borders, or money.

Once again, thank you for taking 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,

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