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Dear Prime Minister

**Surveillance of Parliamentarians**

Members of the Justice Committee have noted media reports over the summer of an apparent abandonment of the "Wilson doctrine" (that the surveillance services will not monitor the communications of Parliamentarians) in respect of UK Parliamentarians who are not MPs or Peers. If there has been such a change, it is a matter of concern that this should have taken place in the absence of any public debate on the issue, enabling reasons for the change to be put forward and considered, especially by those most affected by it.

On 24 July, the Scottish Parliament's Presiding Officer wrote to you, stating that "I feel strongly that all elected Members should be treated the same way, regardless of which Parliament or Assembly they are elected to, especially with regard to any communications a Member has with his or her constituents." This is a view shared by members of this Committee. We hope that you will be able to respond to the Presiding Officer's letter soon, and we look forward to reading your response.

This letter is copied to the Presiding Officer for information.

Yours sincerely

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