

Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC

Lord Beecham

Lord Pannick QC

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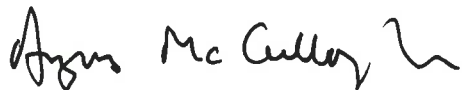
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Dear Lord Wallace, Lord Beecham, and Lord Pannick

We write to you by way of this open letter in relation to the Justice and Security Bill, which we understand is to be considered by the House of Lords next week. As you will be aware, the Special Advocates have collectively expressed views on the Bill at various points during the legislative process. We now attach for your consideration a Briefing Note to peers, which we hope will be of assistance in helping to inform the debate in relation to the amendments that have been tabled from the perspective of Special Advocates with experience of closed proceedings.

We are copying this letter to the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke MP, in his capacity as Minister with responsibility for the Bill.

Yours sincerely



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