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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 28 October, on behalf of your constituent

EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill 2022. I apologise for the delay in this response.

The Bill allows the United Kingdom to take the next step in reasserting the sovereignty of Parliament. It will end the special status of retained EU law in the UK statute book and will enable the Government to more easily amend, revoke and replace retained EU law. The Bill will also sunset much of this retained EU law by 31st December 2023. All remaining retained EU law will either be reformed, restated, or assimilated into UK domestic law. Departments will analyse their retained EU law carefully to determine what should be preserved as part of domestic law, as well as retained EU law that should be repealed, or amended.

The Government is committed to a consumer rights framework that protects consumers and drives consumer confidence, while minimising unnecessary costs to business. As such, core consumer protections as set out in the Consumer Rights Act 2015 are not in scope of the sunset and will remain in place. The Government will also uphold international commitments, including on consumer protection.

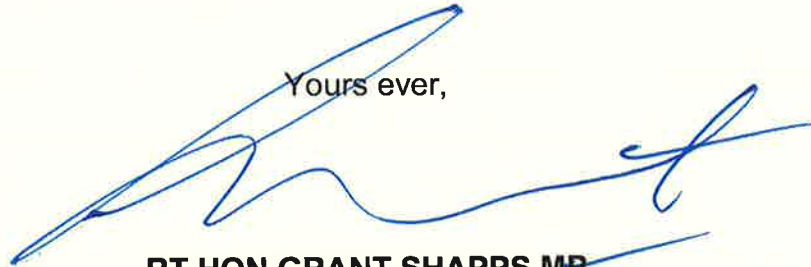
Moreover, The UK is a world leader in environmental protection and in reviewing our retained EU law, we want to ensure that environmental law is fit for purpose and able to drive improved environmental outcomes. The UK has one of the best workers' rights records in the world and our high standards were never dependent on our membership of the EU.

We are proud of the UK's record on labour standards, having raised domestic standards over recent years to make them some of the highest in the world and we have a long-standing track record of ensuring that workers' rights are protected.

This Bill will enable the UK to be the best regulated economy in the world by creating a regulatory environment that encourages prosperity, business innovation and entrepreneurship. These reforms will reduce excessive and unnecessary EU red tape that burdens businesses and reduces efficiency, consequently pushing up prices and negatively affecting the cost of living.

I hope you will find this reply helpful.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant Shapps', written in a cursive style.

RT HON GRANT SHAPPS MP
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