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Dear Mr Dunlop,

Thank you for your letters of 8 October to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary. I am replying as the Minister for Immigration Compliance and the Courts and I am very sorry for the delay in responding to your letters.

I agree that the independent legal profession plays a vital role in ensuring the proper functioning of our justice system and the professional excellence of our legal services is something of which we should be proud. The Home Office remains absolutely committed to ensuring those who need it have full access to legal advice and the justice system.

However, this does not mean the legal profession should be immune from criticism and to think this does the public a great disservice. The Government has often seen its efforts to facilitate entirely legitimate and legal returns frustrated by last minute challenges that have been unfounded. It is those who, from time to time, take advantage of their position and abuse the court process by playing politics through the claims who form the basis of our criticism.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Chris Philp MP