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Dear Huw,

Thank you for the Transport Committee's First Report of Session 2019-21 "Appointment of the Chair of the Civil Aviation Authority" HC354 published on 9 June.

I very much welcome the Committee's strong endorsement of the government's intention to appoint Sir Stephen Hillier as the next Chair of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

I am pleased to confirm that this appointment will take effect on 1 August 2020 and that, from up to that date, Sir Stephen will serve as a Non-Executive Director of the CAA with immediate effect, allowing him to play a full role in the Board's work as part of his induction.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for the efficient and expeditious way that you have carried out this pre-appointment hearing so that this appointment could be confirmed at such an early opportunity.

Yours ever,

Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT