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To: Davey MPST
Subject: meeting to discuss lighter safety issues with BIC

Dear Mr Davey,

I work on behalf of BIC in the UK, and wanted to get in touch as they are keen to meet with you to discuss some serious concerns they have around consumer and child safety in the UK.

BIC have recently completed a piece of research which shows that one in eight consumers in the UK and Ireland say they or someone they know has had an accident linked to a pocket lighter. 43% of those accidents resulted in an injury. According to European Commission figures, 40 people are killed and 1,900 injured every year in Europe because of accidents with lighters, many of them children. However, nearly 75 per cent of lighter models tested by Prosafe (the Product Safety Enforcement Forum of Europe) don't meet the required safety standards, despite an emergency European Commission decision banning the marketing of non-compliant lighters. The vast majority of these are imported lighter models.

Francois Clement-Grandcourt, who is the main spokesperson and Deputy General Manager of BIC's lighter division is visiting London from the 11th – 12th July and knowing of your responsibilities in this area is interested to have a brief meeting with you on this issue and discuss ways in which UK regulators, businesses and safety bodies could address these worrying findings.

If you are interested in meeting him, do let me know your availability and we can arrange a convenient time and location.

Regards,

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