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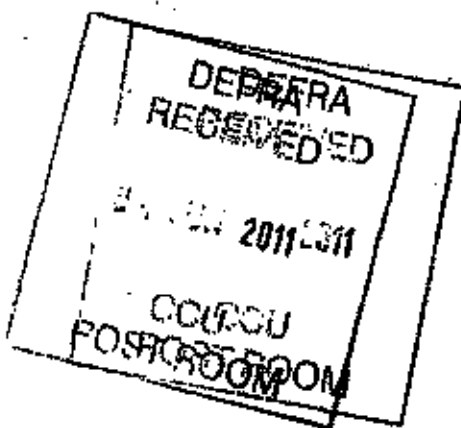


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31 May 2011

Dear Lord Henley

I am writing on behalf of my constituents, [REDACTED]

regarding their concerns about roadside litter.

Please find an enclosed email from [REDACTED] explaining their concerns. I would be very grateful if you could investigate their concerns so I can provide a full response.

Best wishes

Elizabeth Truss MP

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 May 2011 11:31
To: TRUSS, Elizabeth
Subject: Please help change law on littering from cars

Elizabeth Truss MP
South West Norfolk
House of Commons
London SW1A0AA

Dear Ms Truss,

I'm writing to ask for your support on the important issue of roadside litter.

It's unacceptable that our local council can't take effective action against people who throw litter out of their cars. This is because the existing law requires the council to prove the identity of the individual who threw the litter, rather than just proving that litter was thrown from the car in the first place (Section 87, Environmental Protection Act 1990).

I support the work being done by the Campaign to Protect Rural England, the Local Government Association and Keep Britain Tidy to amend the existing law, so that whoever owns the vehicle is responsible for what is thrown out of it. I understand this is similar to the laws on speeding, wearing seat belts and fly-tipping.

An amendment to bring about this change in the law was tabled as New Clause 23 in the Localism Bill when it was before the House of Commons. This was debated at the Bill's Commons Report stage but, as you know, the Bill has now moved to the House of Lords.

Please write to Lord Hanley, the minister in charge of litter and urge him to support this change when the Bill comes to the Lords and listen to the hundreds of councils, citizens and motorists who are sick of roadside litter. Clearing up this litter is expensive and dangerous and this simple change to the law would provide councils with an effective deterrent against the careless and thoughtless behaviour of litterers.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 May 2011 21:01
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