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HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SW1A 0AA

Lord Bew House of Lords 18 July 2017

Dear Lord Bew.

I am writing to you regarding the short review which you have announced into the issue of intimidation experienced by Parliamentary candidates and the broader implications of this for other holders of public office.

I wish to express my wholehearted support for this review in light of the unacceptable abuse faced by candidates during the recent general election - and in many cases over a longer period of time. I very much welcome your commitment to approaching this on a non-partisan basis: it is, sadly, clear that candidates of all parties have been subjected to abuse and all Parliamentarians should be concerned to ensure that it does not continue.

I would like to take the opportunity to make representations to feed in my own concerns and thereafter will certainly do what I can to encourage Labour candidates to contribute to the review.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jeveny Portyn