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Dear Sir Roger, Emma and Mark,

## **CRIME AND POLICING BILL: GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS FOR COMMITTEE**

I am writing to provide members of the Public Bill Committee with details of a first tranche of Government amendments which I have tabled today for Committee stage.

The amendments cover the following issues.

### **Respect Orders (amendments to clause 2 and Schedule 1)**

Chapter 1 of Part 1 provides for the introduction of Respect Orders – civil court behavioural orders which will partially replace the civil injunction. A number of consequential amendments are required, including to the Housing Act 1998 to ensure that breaching a Respect Order continues to be a ground for a possession order under that Act, as is the case with the current civil injunction. As a consequence of the introduction of Respect Orders, the Bill makes changes to the civil injunction regime in Part 1 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014; further consequential amendments are required to the 2014 Act and elsewhere as a result of those changes. These amendments apply to England and Wales.

### **Modern slavery (amendments to clauses 10, 17, 36, 37, 41, 42, 54, 73, 75, 134 and 135 and new clause “Terrorism offences excepted from defence for slavery or trafficking victims”)**

The Bill creates a number of new offences. These consequential amendments add twenty of these new offences (for example, those relating to child criminal exploitation and child sexual abuse image-generators) to Schedule 4 to the Modern Slavery Act 2015. Section 45 of that Act provides for a defence for slavery or trafficking victims in criminal proceedings; that defence does not apply in the case of certain serious offences as listed in Schedule 4 to the 2015 Act. In addition, in response to a recommendation from Jonathan Hall KC, the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, in his 2021 [report](#) that Schedule 4 be extended “to encompass all terrorism offences” (see paragraphs 7.112-7.133), new clause “Terrorism offences excepted from defence for slavery or trafficking victims” adds additional existing terrorism-related offences to Schedule 4. These amendments apply to England and Wales.



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I will write again when we table further amendments to later parts of the Bill.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to all members of the Public Bill Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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