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Dear Secretary of State,

Northern Ireland Protocol Bill

The Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee has today published our [report](#) on the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) for the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill.

The Committee's view is that its scrutiny of the LCM and the Bill provides further evidence for the need to re-set the constitutional arrangements within the UK following EU withdrawal, both in respect of relations between the UK Government and the devolved governments and between the four legislatures and governments across the UK. These relations are clearly not working as well as they should and this needs to be addressed.

The Committee agreed to invite you, as the Minister in charge of the Bill, to respond to the findings of our report in relation to the Bill.

The Committee has also written to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations inviting a response to us on the findings of our report on [The Impact of Brexit on Devolution](#) and to also respond to the findings of our report on the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Adamson MSP
Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee