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Dear Clare,

I am writing to you, and also to the Convener of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, to update your committees regarding a meeting of the Interministerial Group (IMG) on UK-EU Relations that took place on 4 July.

The meeting was chaired by Michael Ellis, the Paymaster General and Minister for the Cabinet Office. I attended alongside Vaughan Gething, Economy Minister in the Welsh Government. The Northern Ireland Executive was represented by an official.

I made clear my grave concerns - shared by the Scottish Parliament - about the UK Government's Northern Ireland Protocol Bill, and the disruption and difficulty this creates in the implementation of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement. I also raised my concerns about the UK Government's forthcoming proposals on Retained EU Law, and the need to meaningfully engage devolved governments and parliaments before the 'Brexit Freedoms' Bill is introduced to the Commons.

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