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Dear Robert,

Corporate Liability Reform

We are writing to request a meeting to discuss the Government's progress in responding to its Call for Evidence on Corporate Criminal Liability for Economic Crime which closed in March 2017.

A robust and effective corporate criminal liability regime is essential for ensuring trust in the integrity and fairness of the UK's financial markets and for upholding the reputation of British business. Ensuring that all actors are held equal before the law in relation to economic crime, including large financial institutions, is also critical for public confidence in the UK justice system. As you and other government officials have recognised on various occasions, the UK's corporate liability regime is not fit for purpose in an era of modern global trade.

As Secretary of State for Justice, we urge you to ensure that reform of the current corporate liability regime for economic crimes such as fraud and money laundering is actively pursued in the Government's forthcoming legislative programme. Such reform would send a signal to our global partners that the UK is serious about the integrity and fairness of its financial markets and business community, and that economic crime will not be tolerated in our borders.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss these issues in more depth at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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