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The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP Secretary of State & Lord Chancellor Ministry of Justice 102 Petty France London, SW1H 9AJ

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Dear Secretary of State

Congratulations on your reappointment.

The work of your Department is crucial in helping to make life better for people across the country. We wish you every success in the role.

As you may know, the Catholic Union works with others to represent the views and interests of the 4.5 million Catholics in Britain and advance the common good. We bring the experience and expertise of Catholic laity from all walks of life and every part of the United Kingdom into the public sphere.

There are many areas of your work of interest of Catholics – including taking forward much needed prison reforms, promoting fundamental human rights, and upholding freedom of religion and belief.

Earlier this year we took part in the consultation on the proposals for a new Bill of Rights. I enclose our submission for reference. While legislative proposals were dropped by the previous administration, this is clearly still an area of interest to you.

We would welcome an early opportunity to meet you or your Special Advisers to discuss mutual areas of interest, and how we might be able to work together. If you are agreeable, we would be delighted to hear from your office with some suitable dates and times for a meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Enc. Submission by the Catholic Union to the Bill of Rights consultation