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*Dear Andrew*

Thank you for your letter dated 21 March to the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the call for evidence on the impact of VAT and Air Passenger Duty (APD) on tourism in Northern Ireland. I am responding as the Minister with strategic oversight of the tax system.

The report you enclosed, *Promoting the tourism industry in Northern Ireland through the tax system inquiry*, is greatly appreciated. We want to help build on the growing success of tourism in Northern Ireland, and the evidence you have gathered will make a valuable contribution to the government's assessment of the impact of VAT and APD on the industry.

The call for evidence launched at the Spring Statement is open for submissions until 5 June 2018. I would be happy to update you on the outcome in due course.

*As ever,  
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