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Dear Lord Forsyth,

### Draft Finance Bill 2018

I am writing to thank you for extending an invite for me to attend the House of Lords Economic Affairs Finance Bill Sub-Committee to give evidence on the Draft Finance Bill 2018.

As it stands, I have a week of pre-booked Annual Leave beginning at the end of Friday 12 October and returning on Monday 22 October, which will prevent me from making the necessary preparations and undertaking briefings to allow me to fully satisfy the lines of enquiry of the Committee on Monday 22 October. As you will appreciate, our work is intensive and fast moving and we want to ensure that we are supporting absolute accuracy in this investigation.

As such, **Ruth Stanier, Director General of Customer Strategy and Tax Design** has indicated her willingness to appear in my stead at the House of Lords Economic Affairs Finance Bill Sub-Committee to give evidence on the Draft Finance Bill 2018. Ruth's portfolio covers a large range of directorates within HMRC and will be able to confidently and assuredly answer the Committee's key lines of enquiry.

Kind regards

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