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The Prime Minister

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Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing to share our serious concerns about the current Immigration Bill, and to urge you to reconsider and drop this harmful legislation.

This Bill turns its back on the UK’s legal and moral responsibilities to protect some of the most vulnerable seeking safety from persecution or exploitation, as well as many other disadvantaged people.

This Bill takes a sledgehammer to the UK’s obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention and European Convention on Human Rights. It removes human rights protections from people that need them the most and the Home Secretary herself has openly admitted that she cannot declare its compatibility with Convention standards. It will also remove vital judicial oversight in some of the most sensitive cases – including when it comes to detention, even where the person held is a child.

The Bill is a charter for modern slavery. It will fail to do the very thing it supposedly sets out to do. By effectively shutting down the UK’s asylum system, and intentionally excluding people from accessing our vital modern slavery protections, many vulnerable people will be forced to live in fear and secrecy – the perfect conditions in which human exploitation thrives. Ultimately, I share the concerns of many that this harmful approach will only put people back into the hands of the very same criminals and abusers you are allegedly trying to stop.

As the bill progresses into its next stages, I hope that you will seriously consider our concerns and put a stop to this Bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully