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Dear

David

Thank you for your letter of 24 January to the Secretary of State, about the Retained EU (Revocation and Reform) Bill. I am replying as the Minister for Roads and Local Transport.

Officials across the Department for Transport are working to review our stock of Retained EU Law to ensure that our regulations are fit for purpose, whilst ensuring that we uphold our high standards and international obligations in important areas such as safety. The majority of vehicle safety standards are agreed internationally through the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and the UK will continue to play a leading role in upholding these standards, as well as continuing to develop new standards at the international level.

The GB type approval scheme applies to motor vehicles (cars, buses and trucks), their trailers and components. There is a phased introduction of the scheme, which does not become mandatory for new vehicle models until February 2024. In the meantime, manufacturers can choose to sell vehicles approved under the interim scheme, which requires a valid EU approval.

As the legislation was made under Withdrawal Act powers, we were not able to make policy changes at that time. From February 2024, the scheme will allow the technical standards to be kept updated in line with future developments.

More generally, the Department is committed to making sure our vehicle standards uphold high standards of safety. To that end, the Department is commissioning research to consider the impact of introducing a range of new vehicle technologies-including Advanced Emergency Braking, Lane Keeping Assist and Intelligent Speed Assistance.

To summarise, the Department is absolutely committed to road safety and, whilst there will be opportunities to review and amend individual pieces of Retained EU Law, we will ensure that our regulatory landscape fully adheres to international obligations and standards. Officials are ensuring that all potential impacts and opportunities are identified and considered so that our safety regulations continue to be an asset to the UK and its road users.

Best wishes,



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