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Dear Maya

I want to thank you for your help in contributing the section on Data Reporting to the Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill, which was published in October.

It is clear from your research that achieving more accurate reporting on the immigration status of victims will help prevent victims being wrongfully detained and deported.

Nonetheless, I have received advice that to get my Bill accepted by the Government and through Parliament, it must remain as streamlined as possible. This means that I have regrettably removed the data reporting clause from my Bill that will be going forward in the next ballot.

I wanted to write to let you know before the ballot and in doing so want to stress that I think it a very important provision. The only reason why I am removing it is - as I say - that I have been advised it will make the Bill too broad, increasing the chances of it not progressing.

I understand that this will be a frustration to you, as it is to me.

I will, however, look for an alternative means of raising the important matter of data reporting.

I do hope that we can continue to work closely together in the future.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lord McColl'.

Lord McColl of Dulwich