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The Rt Hon. Elizabeth Truss MP
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Dear Liz,

RE: Black Lives Matter

Firstly, may I thank you and everyone at the Department for International Trade for everything being done to help during the coronavirus pandemic, and indeed the vital work the Department is doing on free trade deals around the world to boost the UK economy.

I know that, like me and everyone in Carshalton and Wallington, you would have been equally horrified by the tragic death of George Floyd in the United States. I am writing to you to express the anger and solidarity of the Carshalton and Wallington residents who have been in touch with me regarding George's death.

However, they have also raised their concerns about exports of UK-made riot gear being used in the USA against protesters. I know the Government takes its export control responsibilities very seriously, and that the Government will not grant an export licence if doing so would be inconsistent with the criteria by which all exported goods must be assessed.

Therefore, I would be very grateful if you could reaffirm the Government's strong commitment to those criteria and ensure that UK equipment is not being used improperly in the USA or indeed anywhere in the world.

Thank you again for taking the time to look into this important issue.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn', written over a horizontal line.

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