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Dear Rebecca,

Nationality and Borders Bill (Committee Stage)

Thank you for forwarding Tom Pursglove's detailed reply to the points raised by Taunton Welcomes Refugees in our email of 7th September 2021 about the Nationality and Borders Bill.

We are disappointed however, that he has not addressed the key issues of 'fairness and justice' that we raised, especially with regard to the definition of 'need' being based on financial situations rather than that of physical safety, as well as the lack of international agreement for the returning of migrants to other countries through which they have travelled.

This approach will cost more lives and cause yet more pain and distress for already traumatised people. We strongly request an interview with you to discuss how your government can create migration policies which are a force for good, so that, as a nation, we may offer a more welcoming environment for the most vulnerable in our world.

Yours sincerely



Simon Forrester
Chair

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