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Dear Fiona,



**CRIMINAL DRIVING (JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS) BILL**

Thank you for your email of 11 February concerning correspondence received from a number of your constituent's asking you to support Greg Mulholland's private members' bill on criminal driving. This has been forwarded to the Ministry of Justice and I am replying as the minister responsible for sentencing policy.

I know that driving offences can have devastating consequences for victims and their loved ones, which is why tough sentences are available to the courts. This government is committed to making sure sentencing for driving crimes is proportionate but driving offences should not be taken in isolation and need to be considered within the context of our wider sentencing framework. That is one reason why I intend to commence a public consultation on sentencing reform by the end of the year. This review and consultation will incorporate sentencing for driving offences.

I have not seen the detailed provisions of Mr Mulholland's Bill, however, I do not think it would be advisable to pre-empt a sentencing review by commenting now on its likely contents. I hope that your constituents can share their experiences as part of the wider debate on sentencing later this year.

Yours sincerely,

**DOMINIC RAAB**