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Dear Sajid,

I am troubled that a number of British nationals have been issued with open window removal notices. These notices indicate that they could be removed at any time in the next few weeks.

According to Jamaican media, the details of 50 deportees have been handed to Jamaican authorities ahead of their arrival. The chartered flights – booked by the UK government specifically for the purpose of deportations – are believed to be the first to Jamaica after the Windrush scandal.

Many of those being deported have strong ties to the UK. Campaigners have made the point that the deportation of these individuals who have served custodial sentences constitute a “*double jeopardy*” that sees people effectively exiled from their homes and families because they do not have the correct paperwork.

Will the Home Office consider halting the current tranche of deportations and ensure that each individual case is looked at again carefully and compassionately? This would be a particularly welcome development given how much criticism the government’s current policy of “*deport now, appeal later*” has received, including in the Supreme Court.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN TIMMS MP