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Dear Member of Parliament,

**JUSTICE calls on MPs to oppose extradition arrangements with the US**

I am writing to you on behalf of JUSTICE, the all-party law reform and human rights organisation, to express our concern at the current extradition arrangements between the UK and the US and to urge you to support both EDM 241 and the amendment of the Extradition Act 2003. Our concerns are:

- The Extradition Act 2003 allows UK citizens and residents to be extradited to the US in respect of crimes alleged to have been committed substantially in the UK;
- This applies even if the UK prosecuting authorities have decided not to prosecute someone for the crime because they consider the evidence insufficient or because they consider that prosecution is not in the public interest;
- The US has been designated as a state that does not have to show a prima facie case against someone to extradite him or her from the UK.

For those reasons, I would urge you to support EDM 241 and the amendment of the Extradition Act 2003 to require the US to provide a prima facie case, and to allow the UK court to block extradition where part of the alleged criminal activity occurred on UK territory and trial in the US would not be in the interests of justice. EDM 241 has already attracted 154 signatures from politicians across the political spectrum. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions concerning this letter or the accompanying briefing.

Yours sincerely,

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