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Dear Member of the House of Lords,

Re: Police and Justice Bill - reform of extradition arrangements

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 arrangements for extradition from the UK and to urge you to support the amendment of the Extradition Act 2003 to provide better safeguards. Our concerns are:

- **The Extradition Act 2003 allows a person to be extradited in respect of a crime alleged to have been committed substantially in the UK;**
- **This applies even if our prosecuting authorities have decided that there is insufficient evidence to prosecute or that prosecution is not in the public interest;**
- **The United States authorities are making extradition requests against UK citizens in respect of conduct allegedly committed in part in the UK, but the safeguard that the US should support its requests with evidence has been removed;**

For those reasons, I would urge you to support the amendment of the Extradition Act 2003 to require the US to provide a prima facie case, and to allow the UK courts to block extradition where part of the alleged criminal activity occurred in the UK and trial in the requesting state would not be in the interests of justice. I therefore urge you to support the marshalled amendments to the Police and Justice Bill numbered: **186 – 191 inclusive**. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions concerning this letter or the accompanying briefing note.

Yours sincerely,



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