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If my memory serves me correctly, I have made representations to you before about the importance of introducing legislation in this Parliament and preferably in the Queen's Speech, to implement the recommendations of the NFU/CLA package relating to the succession of tenancies.

I consider this matter is of the utmost importance, and I am gravely concerned at the damage which is being done to the structure of farming and to urban communities by the tenancy legislation as it currently stands following the Labour Government's new clause introduced during the passage of the 1976 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act. There is no doubt that a unique opportunity currently presents itself for changes to the existing legislation which will have the overwhelming support of land owners and farmers. While I accept there may be very limited opposition, the support for the NFU/CLA package is overwhelming, and I do not believe at any other time will such an opportunity occur for us to improve the succession of tenancy situation on a permanent basis.

I urge you to press the Prime Minister and the Cabinet to include the necessary legislation in the Queen's Speech for the next Session of Parliament. I hope you do not think it discourteous of me if I send a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister.



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With the Compliments

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