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To: XXXXXXXXXXXX MP

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Westminster

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Dear Mr/Ms XXXXXXXX,

**Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill**

We are writing as safety representatives of workers (BT Group/Openreach) who spend much of their normal working day at height to share our serious concerns about the above noted legislation and the impact it will have on our members working at height.

We believe that there is clear and compelling evidence to retain the Work at Height Regulations (WAHR) 2005, that not doing so will cost lives and lead to life changing injures affecting individuals and families across the UK.

Falls from height remain one of the common causes of workplace fatality and serious injury despite the tremendous efforts of industry organisations and trade unions over the since the WAHR legislation was enacted. The removal or lessening of this Act would have an adverse effect on workplace safety. Whilst fatalities from falls have dropped from a pre-Act 2004 figure of sixty-seven there were still twenty-nine fatalities from falls last year. Clearly the Act made the UK a safer place to work and not to assimilate these regulations into UK legislation would put workplace safety backwards causing suffering to workers and families whilst costing the UK economy millions of pounds to the NHS.

The removal of the Work at Height Regulations (WAHR) 2005 (*and other workplace safety legislation*) has the potential to cause great harm to our members. We would therefore be grateful if you would contact the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy requesting a firm commitment from the Government that these vital Work at Height Regulations will be assimilated into UK legislation to protect the thousands of our members who work at height throughout the UK.

Yours sincerely,

BRANCH CONTACT XXXXXXXXXXX

* HSE. (2023). *Work-related fatal injuries in Great Britain*. [Online]. Statistics. Available at: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/fatals.htm>. [Accessed 2 March 2023].