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Commissioner Martine Reicherts,  
Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship,  
Rue de la Loi 200,  
1049 Brussels,  
Belgium

Dear Commissioner Reicherts,

I attach a copy of a letter from the EU Committee of the House of Lords to the UK Government. The letter is a reaction from the UK House of Lords to *COM (2012) 614 final- Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges and related measures*.

As you may be aware, the Committee published a report on the subject of this draft Directive entitled *Women on Boards* and we continue to take an interest in negotiations on the draft Directive.

We hope that sight of this letter is helpful in terms of outlining the Committee's views on the dossier and that it provides a useful contribution to ongoing discussions, and that your successor will keep the Committee's views in mind.

No response to this letter is necessary.

Your Sincerely,

Baroness O'Cathain  
Chairman of the European Union Sub-Committee on the Internal Market, Infrastructure and Employment.

