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*Dear Lord Bishop,*

**QUEEN'S SPEECH DEBATE – ONE IN, ONE OUT RULE FOR NEW REGULATIONS**

I would like to respond to the points you raised regarding the Government's position on Better Regulation during the Queen's Speech debate (*4th day*) of Wednesday 2 June 2010.

The coalition agreement set out the intention to cut red tape by introducing a 'One-in, One-out' rule - changing the culture of government's approach to regulation, whereby no new regulation is brought in without other regulation being cut by a greater amount. The one-in, one-out rule will change the incentives for policy makers across government, encouraging as much focus on identifying regulations to be repealed, simplified or replaced by alternative policy approaches, as on developing new regulation.

In creating the new Cabinet sub-committee on reducing regulation we have already taken the first step in that part of its role will be to provide the necessary oversight for the 'one-in, one-out' rule.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the House of Lords library.

*Sincerely  
Baroness Wilcox*

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