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The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP,
Secretary of State for the Home Department,
Home Office,
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Dear Home Secretary,

Re: ILR applications under the Turkish ECAA

As you will be aware, following the decision of the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) in *R (on the application of Aydogdu) v SSHD* [2017] UKUT 00167 (IAC), the Home Office decided to no longer grant Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK to Turkish businesspeople under the Turkish European Communities Association Agreement (ECAA). A number of my constituents in London are directly affected by this change.

Given that these entrepreneurs established businesses in the UK with a legitimate expectation that they would be able to apply for ILR after four years at no cost, it is unfair to introduce this rule change on them retrospectively - rather than simply apply it to new applicants - and I would question the need to change Home Office policy at all on this matter. At the very least, I would urge you to make a commitment that no fee will be charged to any Turkish businessperson applying for ILR who held a visa under the ECAA on 16 March 2018.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter; I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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