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Thank you for contacting me about the House of Lords.

I believe that the House of Lords has an important role in scrutinising and improving draft legislation, but that the unelected Chamber should not seek to block the will of the elected Commons.

The Conservative manifesto recognised the importance of addressing the size of the House, and important changes were introduced in 2014 and 2015. These have enabled peers to retire, automatically remove peers for non-attendance or if they are sent to prison, and allows the House to expel members.

All-party talks, led by the Lords, have been examining further options to look at chances for evolutionary reforms, and further work to encourage more peers to retire.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Whittaker'.

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