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House of Commons  
London  
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Dear Xxxxx,

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

I am writing to you as a representative of XXXXXXXX, a member of the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF), which is headquartered on the border of Cumbria and North Lancashire, to share serious concerns about the above legislation and the impact it will have on people working at height.

Like many other IPAF members, I/we believe here is clear and compelling evidence to retain the Work at Height Regulations (WAHR) 2005 and that not doing so will cost lives. It is estimated that 1 million companies and 10 million individuals carry out some form of working at height every year<sup>1</sup>.

Despite the progress made in recent years, falling from height remains the most common cause of workplace fatalities. WAHR provide a strong legislative backdrop for industry initiatives, which we believe has made the UK a safer place to work at height. It would be a significantly retrograde step if the Government fails to assimilate these regulations into UK law.

Were this to happen, it will result in more people falling from height. Falls often have life-changing consequences for the victim and their family. A fall survivor is unlikely to return to their previous occupation – if they return to work at all. There are huge emotional costs for the family, colleagues and those who witnessed the fall. Long-term financial implications can include income support, costs to the NHS and ancillary services, costs of at-home care and the cost to employers for dealing with issues and investigations, fines, and additional insurance premiums.

The plan to remove sensible, practical laws relating to health and safety have the potential to do great harm. I would therefore be grateful if you would contact the Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP, the new Secretary of State for Business and Trade, requesting a firm commitment from the Government that vital Work at Height Regulations will be assimilated into legislation to protect the estimated 10 million individuals who work at height in the UK.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> [www.gov.uk/government/news/overhaul-of-guidance-to-help-10-million-working-at-height](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/overhaul-of-guidance-to-help-10-million-working-at-height)