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Dear Sir, David and Mrs Buck

**SUNDAY TRADING - TABLING OF GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT RELATING TO
SCOTTISH LICENSING LAW**

I am writing to inform you that on 18 February the Government, tabled the attached amendment to New Schedule 1 Sunday trading Opening Hours: Rights of Shop workers of the Enterprise Bill. The Government considers the amendment to be minor and technical in nature.

The amendment serves to clarify a definition in the main amendment which cross refers to licensing legislation. The main amendment (laid on 8 February) refers to the Licensing Act 2003, however, this applies only in England and Wales and does not apply in Scotland. This amendment therefore adds a reference to the equivalent Scottish legislation, the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

This has been drafted in response to a request by the Scottish Government.

Although minor and technical, the Government believes that this clarification of the law is important and has therefore taken the decision to table the amendment at this time, although I acknowledge that this breaches the usual convention of providing at least one sitting week between laying and debating an amendment.

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