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To the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee,

Please find enclosed a copy of the final report of the Institute for Government and Bennett Institute for Public Policy's Review of the UK Constitution.

This report concludes an 18-month long review— supported by a high-level advisory board including former supreme court judge Baroness Hale, former ministers Sir Robert Buckland and Sir David Lidington, and shadow leader of the House of Lords Baroness Smith of Basildon and former Mayor of Liverpool, Joanna Anderson. Taking a non-partisan and evidence-based approach, the review makes robust recommendations designed to re-assert the UK's fundamental constitutional principles, establish them as a stable basis for the operation of government and reassure the public that they will be enforced.

The report sets out how strengthen the existing political constitution.

Recommendations include:

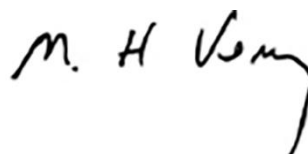
- Establishing a new Parliamentary Committee on the Constitution
- Creating an independent Office of the Constitution to the support the new parliamentary committee
- Creating a new category of constitutional acts to formally recognise the importance of key pieces of legislation that underpin our political system
- Giving parliament a more extensive scrutiny process for new constitutional bills
- Clarifying the role and strengthening the capacity of the civil service to give constitutional advice
- Establishing a permanent centre for constitutional expertise within the Cabinet Office
- Integrating public engagement – though citizens' juries and assemblies – into the processes of constitutional change

We hope that you find the paper of interest, and we are keen that this paper forms part of a wider discussion on the future of the UK constitution.

Kind Regards,



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