

To:

**President Donald J Trump**

**The White House**

**1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**

**Washington, DC 20500**

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Dear President Trump and Members of the American  
Administration

We write to you jointly as British citizens acting in the public interest - one a lawyer and lead investigator at Ethical Approach UK, the other a retired Police Constable - compelled to raise concerns of exceptional constitutional gravity now confronting the United Kingdom and its people.

This correspondence is neither partisan nor rhetorical. It is written because all domestic constitutional routes ordinarily relied upon to secure lawful remedy, judicial oversight and institutional accountability have been exhausted, obstructed, or rendered ineffective.

Over recent years, extensive documentary evidence, much of it now in the public domain, has revealed that during and following the COVID period, the United Kingdom operated a national policing and justice framework known as Operation Talla.

This framework extended beyond policing alone and involved coordinated decision-making across police leadership, prosecutorial authorities, executive departments and criminal justice governance bodies.

Within this structure, mechanisms existed whose practical effect was to:

- prevent whole categories of serious allegations of crime from being recorded or investigated by the police;
- displace ordinary judicial determination;
- coordinate legal meaning and enforcement expectations outside adversarial court processes; and
- operate without clear auditability, accountability, or effective judicial oversight.

A related executive coordination body, the Criminal Justice System Strategic Command (CJSSC), operated above conventional constitutional boundaries and facilitated alignment between policing, prosecution and executive policy in ways incompatible with long-established principles of separation of powers.

Critically, sworn evidence given by senior leadership of the Crown Prosecution Service to the UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry confirms that courts were not part of the contemporaneous governance loop during this period and that nationally consistent legal and enforcement positions were formed outside judicial scrutiny.

The practical consequences have been stark:

- access to justice for the public was restricted or systemically blocked;
- independent courts were sidelined and, in some instances, presented with incomplete or misleading accounts of decision-making; and
- constitutional safeguards ordinarily relied upon to protect the public were displaced by executive coordination.

We have sought remedy through every conventional route available within the United Kingdom, including:

- repeated engagement with the police;
- recourse to the courts;
- parliamentary and ministerial correspondence;
- police oversight bodies and professional regulators;
- prosecutorial oversight mechanisms; and
- audit and inspection authorities.

Each has either declined jurisdiction, deferred responsibility, or formally closed engagement - often while acknowledging the seriousness of the issues raised, but refusing to act upon them.

The cumulative effect is a governance vacuum in which no domestic authority is willing or able to accept responsibility for restoring constitutional normality.

Of particular concern, is that serious allegations of harm and wrongdoing raised by members of the public in good faith, were systematically prevented from reaching independent judicial determination, despite being known to policing and government authorities.

This raises serious and unresolved questions as to whether conduct at senior levels may meet the legal thresholds associated with misconduct in public office and perversion of the course of justice, yet without any effective domestic mechanism available to test those questions before an independent court.

We do not ask for interference in the internal affairs of the United Kingdom.

We do, however, respectfully request international attention, scrutiny, and dialogue between close democratic allies, grounded in shared commitments to the rule of law, judicial independence and the democratic principle that governments must be accountable to the people they serve.

The United States and the United Kingdom have long stood together as constitutional democracies founded upon those principles. When one falters, it is neither improper nor

unprecedented for allies to raise concern, seek clarity and insist that democratic norms be upheld.

History shows that constitutional erosion most often advances incrementally, through the normalisation of exceptional executive arrangements and the quiet displacement of judicial oversight. We believe the United Kingdom is now at a critical juncture in that process.

We therefore respectfully request that this matter be acknowledged at the highest level and that appropriate diplomatic, legal, or international transparency mechanisms be considered to ensure accountability and the restoration of constitutional order.

We write not in hostility, but in urgency.

Many people in the United Kingdom now feel abandoned by their institutions, unheard by their government and without effective recourse to justice.

We extend our hands across the Atlantic to long-standing friends and allies and ask, respectfully, for your attention and assistance in ensuring that constitutional principles are upheld.

Yours respectfully

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