

Dear [your MP],

I am asking you to support Amendment 16B tomorrow in the House of Commons to ensure food standards remain high, and to enshrine into law a ban on imports that fall below UK food safety, animal welfare and environmental standards.

Of course I am pleased to hear about the "[Trade and Agriculture Commission](#) becoming a statutory body which will give independent advice on trade deals as they go through parliament." However, it is still only 'advice' and the commission lacks the breadth of representation needed to save our standards. Of the 16-member board, nine are representatives from the food industry and retail, with no representation for British Vets, no animal welfare charities or NGO voices such as the RSPCA. Small scale local farmers and their marketing networks have no-one to represent them.

Eustice laid down the new [Agriculture Bill amendments](#) late on Friday, and it is not very impressive - "*[It will place a duty on the Government to report to Parliament on whether, or to what extent, commitments in new Free Trade Agreements relating to agricultural goods are consistent with maintaining UK levels of statutory protection in relation to human, animal and plant life and health; animal welfare; and environmental protection. This report will be laid at the same time, or ahead of, any FTA laid before Parliament, demonstrating how we are meeting our commitments on standards.](#)*" This is useful but in reality reduces only an impact assessment to go before MPs and they will have **no new powers or duties to scrutinise or block.**

Signed

Your Name  
Your Postcode