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**To: Rosalind Elizabeth Adriana Savage and All Members of Parliament,**

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**Subject: Opposition to the Climate and Nature Bill – Parallels to Historical Authoritarian Policies**

**Dear Alex Sobel and All Members of Parliament,**

On behalf of the Heritage Party and its concerned members and supporters in your constituency, I am writing to express our profound opposition to the Climate and Nature Bill, currently set for its second reading. While this legislation is framed as a necessary step toward sustainability, its provisions bear alarming similarities to the centralized, authoritarian systems I personally experienced and fought against as part of the Solidarity movement, growing up under a Marxist regime in Poland.

Moreover, many others who, like me, moved to the UK from countries ruled by oppressive systems share these concerns. Our collective experiences reveal how such policies can erode freedoms, dismantle community autonomy, and lead to widespread societal harm under the guise of collective good.

This is not merely a matter of opinion. The parallels are both historically verifiable and personally undeniable. Having lived through the consequences of collectivization, restricted freedoms, and propaganda-driven policies, I can confidently state that the tactics employed within this Bill reflect a concerning trajectory.

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**Historical Parallels to the Climate and Nature Bill**

## 1. Compulsory Land Rewilding

- **Bill's Provisions:** Mandates on land use force private owners to rewild their property, stripping them of autonomy (**Bill, Section 4**).
- **Historical Comparison:** In Poland, farmers were coerced into collectivized farms under orchestrated propaganda that blamed them for food shortages. These policies led to widespread poverty, inefficiency, and the destruction of rural traditions.

## 2. Education as a Tool for Ideological Indoctrination

- **Bill's Provisions:** The use of ideological language, such as "Mother Earth," reflects an intent to embed belief systems into governance rather than promote evidence-based policy (**Bill, Section 7**).
- **Historical Comparison:** Under Marxist regimes, education and ideological rhetoric were powerful tools used to enforce state control, suppress dissent, and shape public thought. Schools were instrumental in isolating those who questioned the narrative, often marginalizing children from non-compliant families and creating lasting social divides. Similarly, the inclusion of terms like "Mother Earth" in this Bill reflects a concerning shift toward legislating based on cult-like beliefs or ideologies embraced by specific societal groups.

Such an approach is neither rational nor inclusive. It underscores either a lack of competence or an authoritarian intent to impose subjective values as law. Responsible governance must be grounded in evidence and universal principles that respect diverse perspectives, rather than ideological frameworks that suppress critical thought and marginalize dissent.

## 3. Rationing and Control Over Resources

- **Bill's Provisions:** Restrictions on consumption, lifestyle choices, and resource use resemble rationing mechanisms (**Bill, Section 6**).
- **Historical Comparison:** Food shortages and ration cards were common under communism, with essential goods withheld to ensure dependence on the state. Similarly, policies today threaten to control basic aspects of life under the guise of equity.

## 4. Centralized Governance and Unelected Bodies

- **Bill's Provisions:** Unelected bodies gain authority over land use and environmental targets, bypassing democratic accountability (**Bill, Section 5**).
  - **Historical Comparison:** Communist regimes relied on centralized committees that prioritized state goals over individual freedoms, eroding trust in governance and creating resentment.
- 5. Restricted Movement**
- **Bill's Provisions:** Proposals like ultra-low emission zones (ULEZ) and 15-minute cities limit mobility and impose economic barriers (**Bill, Section 8**).
  - **Historical Comparison:** In Poland and in other countries under Marxist regimes, travel required permits and passports, which were rarely granted. Citizens were confined to their assigned areas, fostering dependence and psychological resignation.
- 6. Destruction of Independent Enterprise**
- **Bill's Provisions:** Excessive regulations and mandates risk dismantling independent businesses, including farming and hospitality (**Bill, Section 9**).
  - **Historical Comparison:** Private farms and hospitality businesses were absorbed into state-run collectives. Independent owners were vilified and overburdened, leading to economic stagnation.
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## Why These Parallels Matter

The Climate and Nature Bill is not an isolated policy; it represents a dangerous shift toward centralized control, eroding individual freedoms and community autonomy. Having lived under such systems, I recognize the tactics being used: deliberate vagueness, manufactured consent, and ideological framing. These strategies may be repackaged under the guise of sustainability, but their outcomes remain the same—dependency, inefficiency, and societal division.

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## Your Duty as a Representative

As an elected official, your responsibility is to critically evaluate legislation, ensuring it serves the public without compromising democratic principles. We urge you to:

1. **Demand Verifiable Evidence:** Insist on transparent, independent, and fact-based justification for any measures proposed under this Bill. Legislation must be supported by evidence that demonstrates tangible benefits without causing disproportionate harm. For example, the UK contributes only 1% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, a fact that starkly highlights the futility of imposing sweeping and draconian measures that will do little to affect global outcomes. This glaring inconsistency highlights the disproportionate nature of the Bill, raising serious questions about its efficacy and rationale when considered within the larger global context.
2. **Protect Property Rights:** Reject any provisions that undermine the sanctity of private property, force land-use changes, or impose undue financial burdens on property owners. Safeguarding property rights is not only a cornerstone of democracy but also a legal obligation under the UK's commitments to international human rights conventions.
3. **Ensure Democratic Oversight:** Oppose the delegation of sweeping powers to unelected bodies, which erodes accountability and transparency. Such measures are incompatible with the principles of representative government and your duty to uphold democratic governance.
4. **Learn From History:** It is imperative that you recognize the patterns of past authoritarian policies and prevent their repetition in any form. The parallels between this Bill and oppressive systems of the past are clear, as are their devastating consequences. Failing to listen to those with lived experience of these systems, individuals whose lives were permanently scarred by nearly identical regulations, would be both irresponsible and a dereliction of duty.

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## **Conclusion: A Call for Reason and Responsibility**

This Bill's resemblance to failed systems of the past cannot be ignored. As someone who has fought against such oppression and seen its devastating effects, I implore you to carefully consider the consequences of supporting legislation that risks repeating these mistakes.

The Heritage Party and its members stand firmly against the Climate and Nature Bill in its current form. We call on you to reject this legislation outright unless it is replaced with genuinely evidence-based measures that focus on protecting nature, animal welfare, and the well-being of

people—without imposing authoritarian controls or advancing fraudulent climate narratives. This Bill, as it stands, is a direct threat to democratic accountability, property rights, and individual freedoms, and it must not pass into law.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Heritage Party