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Dear Mr Stratten

Thank you for your letter of 18 December 2019 to Grant Shapps, about UK private pilots required to hold an EASA medical certificate in 2020. I am replying as the Minister responsible for aviation issues and I would like to express my sincere apologies for the delayed response to your letter.

We are very aware of the impact this requirement will have on industry and we are treating it as a matter of priority. I know you have spoken to my officials and am grateful for the evidence you have fed in. The Secretary of State has written to the Executive Director of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) about the potential of exploring new avenues on this matter and to convey the disproportionate impact this will have on the General Aviation (GA) sector. He has also asked EASA to consider whether this requirement is in line with their GA Route Map and whether an additional derogation could be considered.

I have asked the team to keep you informed of progress.

Thank you for your patience.

Yours sincerely
Paul Maynard

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