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Dear [MP’s Name]

**Subject: Please support the Road Traffic (Horse and Rider Safety) Bill**

I am writing to you as a concerned resident in your constituency about the serious risks faced by equestrians on our roads every day, and to ask for your support towards **the Road Traffic (Horse and Rider Safety) Bill** introduced by Lee Dillion MP. This Bill has the potential to make a very real difference in protecting our horses and all of us, as equestrians, from road dangers through clear regulation, education and consistent driver awareness.

The Bill would:

* Set clear rules on the speed and distance required when passing horses on the road.
* Ensure equestrian safety is properly included in driving theory tests.
* Place equestrian awareness at the heart of driver education.

You only have to look at the rising statistics to see that too many road users simply don’t know the Highway Code guidance for passing horses, or how dangerous it is when that guidance isn’t followed. The consequences can so often be tragic.

Just last year alone, 58 horses were killed and 97 injured in the UK. Overall, British Horse Society reports that more than 3,000 incidents took place in 2024, with 81% of these occurring because a vehicle passed by too closely or too quickly.

As a horse rider myself, I can’t express enough how incredibly important this Bill is to prevent collisions and save lives. People from all backgrounds and walks of life benefit greatly from enjoying the outdoors with the horses in their lives, particularly when it comes to relieving stressful and difficult situations.

Supporting this Bill would show that you stand with the equestrians in our constituency, acknowledging the risks we face and prioritising our safety.

If I can provide you with any more information on this matter, or further evidence from local residents, please do let me know.

Thank you for your time and for acting on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]